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FRANCO-RUSSIAN RAPPROCHMENT.

OFFICIAL VIEWS VARY.

LONDON, February 26.

There is much talk in the French press on the subject of a possible Franco-Russian rapprochement. M. Sauerwein, writing in *Le Matin*, says the opinions of official circles thereabout are greatly at variance. In any case the Government does not intend to take steps in the matter. Any move it might make would be in the nature of a progressive experiment and would not imply recognition of the soviets.

He added that M. Poincaré is encouraging private initiative and would welcome the formation of a consortium of business men and manufacturers for the promotion of trade but any decision he may take will be preceded by an exchange of views with Washington.

HOME HOUSING PROBLEM.

CONTROL TO CEASE IN 1925.

LONDON, February 26.

In the House of Commons at question-time Mr. Bonar Law said the Government proposed that all control of houses should cease in 1925 but higher grade houses should be decontrolled in 1924. If there was a shortage then it would be made up.

Mr. Joynton Hicks said the Ministry of Health believed the supply of higher grade houses would be approximately equal to the demand in 1924.

The speaker refused leave to move the adjournment in order to debate the question.

NORTH IRELAND'S GOVERNOR.

ENTERS BELFAST IN STATE.

LONDON, February 26.

Belfast was en fête to-day on the occasion of the state entry of the Duke of Abercorn as Governor of North Ireland. There was an imposing procession of armoured cars, mounted police, artillery and the Ulster Hall was packed with a most enthusiastic crowd of representatives from all parts of North Ireland. Some 115 loyal addresses were presented and the Duke in replying paid a tribute to the loyalty of Ulster.

WARSHIPS AT SMYRNA.

COURTEOUS BRITISH WITHDRAWAL.

LONDON, February 26.

Britain has ordered the withdrawal of her warships from Smyrna except the cruiser "Calypso" as an act of courtesy to assist the Turkish Government to overcome the extremists.

LAUSANNE TREATY DISCUSSION.
The Angora Assembly is to-day discussing the Lausanne Treaty. It is understood the Council of ministers will recommend acceptance with modifications in regard to which they will suggest further negotiations.

AMERICAN SHIPPING.

BOARD'S NEW PLAN.

WASHINGTON, February 26.

Mr. Leaker, Chairman of the Shipping Board, has announced a plan for the liquidation of Government shipping which it is considered will probably be passed by the full Shipping Board in a few days. This is interpreted as forecasting the sale of ships now working on established routes at nominal prices subject to the condition laid down by the merchant marine law that each route should be maintained for ten years.

M.C.O. IN SOUTH AFRICA.

ELIZABETHTOWN, February 26.

In their match against the M.C.O. the Orange Free State made 163 (De Villiers 59). Kennedy took 4 for 55 and Fender 3 for 47. The M.C.O. made 234 for 5 Jupp scoring 55 and Street 88 unfinished.

ROTTERDAM'S BURGOOMASTER RESIGNS.

AMSTERDAM, February 26.

M. Zimmermann, Commissioner-General of the League of Nations for Austria, has resigned the Burgomastership of Rotterdam as he finds his work for the League cannot be completed before April 1.

TUTANKHAMEN'S TOMB CLOSED.

LUXOR, February 26.

Tutankhamen's tomb has been closed for the season.

"CHINA HOUSE" FRAUDS.

THREE ACCUSED COMMITTED.

LONDON, February 26.

Everett, Bennett and Haynes who were charged at Westminster on December 23 in connection with the "China House" frauds, have been committed for trial at the Old Bailey. Bail was allowed, being fixed in the case of Everett at £1,000.

(At the police court Charles Webster, a retired major of the Indian Army, gave evidence that in January, last he wrote to the Sino-British Association and received a letter from Humphry Denman & Co., signed by Haynes, stating that a company had been formed with a capital of one hundred thousand sterling to acquire options on 293 coal mines in China, which had been favourably reported on by a well known coal expert; and they informed him that there would be no difficulty in selling one or two at a price which would return the capital invested in Humphry Denman & Co., as well as leave handsome profit. A second letter said that if he was suitable the Company would make a three years' contract with him at one thousand pounds a year, five per cent. commission and first class expenses to China if he would invest two thousand pounds. He invested one thousand and was employed for six months, during which time he lent Everett six hundred pounds to start an artificial pearl business, which had made no profit. His salary ceased after six months, and Everett was found to be an undischarged bankrupt.)

RUBBER OCCUPATION.

FRENCH CONTROL SPREADS.

BERLIN, February 26.

Besides Koenigswinter French Military control the railway station at Limburgsdahn. The *Frankfurter Zeitung* reports that French troops occupied Montebaur.

PARIS, February 26.

A message from Mayence states that the German authorities refused to place at the disposal of the British Railway Commission at Cologne offices required for housing the French commission.

MALACCA RUBBER PLANTATIONS.

MORE SHARES ISSUED.

LONDON, February 26.

Malacca Rubber Plantations are issuing 171,036 ordinary pound shares at thirty shillings a share to provide for the repayment on May 31 of the Company's eight per cent. seven year notes. £160,000 is also required to improve the estates.

ABANDONED GERMAN STEAMER.

CREW LAND AT GIBRALTAR.

GIBRALTAR, February 26.

The Norwegian steamer "Older" has landed part of the crew of the German Steamer "Otto Fischer" which was abandoned in a sinking condition. The remainder of the crew are aboard the Japanese steamer "Hakozaki Maru."

BANTAMWEIGHT CHAMPIONSHIP.

HOLDER BEATEN ON POINTS.

LONDON, February 26.

At the National Sporting Club in the twenty rounds contest for the bantamweight championship of Britain Edgar Lake beat Tommy Harrison, the holder, on points.

IRISH EXECUTIONS RESUMED.

FIVE STATE SOLDIERS CONVICTED.

LONDON, February 26.

The first execution in Ireland for several weeks was carried out at Maryborough to-day in the case of a Free State soldier convicted of treachery.

"LISBON MARU" REACHES HAMBURG.

LONDON, February 26.

The "Lisbon Maru" which collided with a British Steamer off Oshaven has arrived at Hamburg and commenced discharging her cargo undamaged.

OBITUARY.

WILD ANIMAL IMPORTER.

LONDON, February 26.

The death has occurred of Mr. John Hamlyn, the importer of wild animals.

INTERNATIONAL COURT.

WASHINGTON, February 26.

Association for the carrying out of President Harding's membership of the International Court of Justice was introduced in the Senate and postponed indefinitely without discussion.

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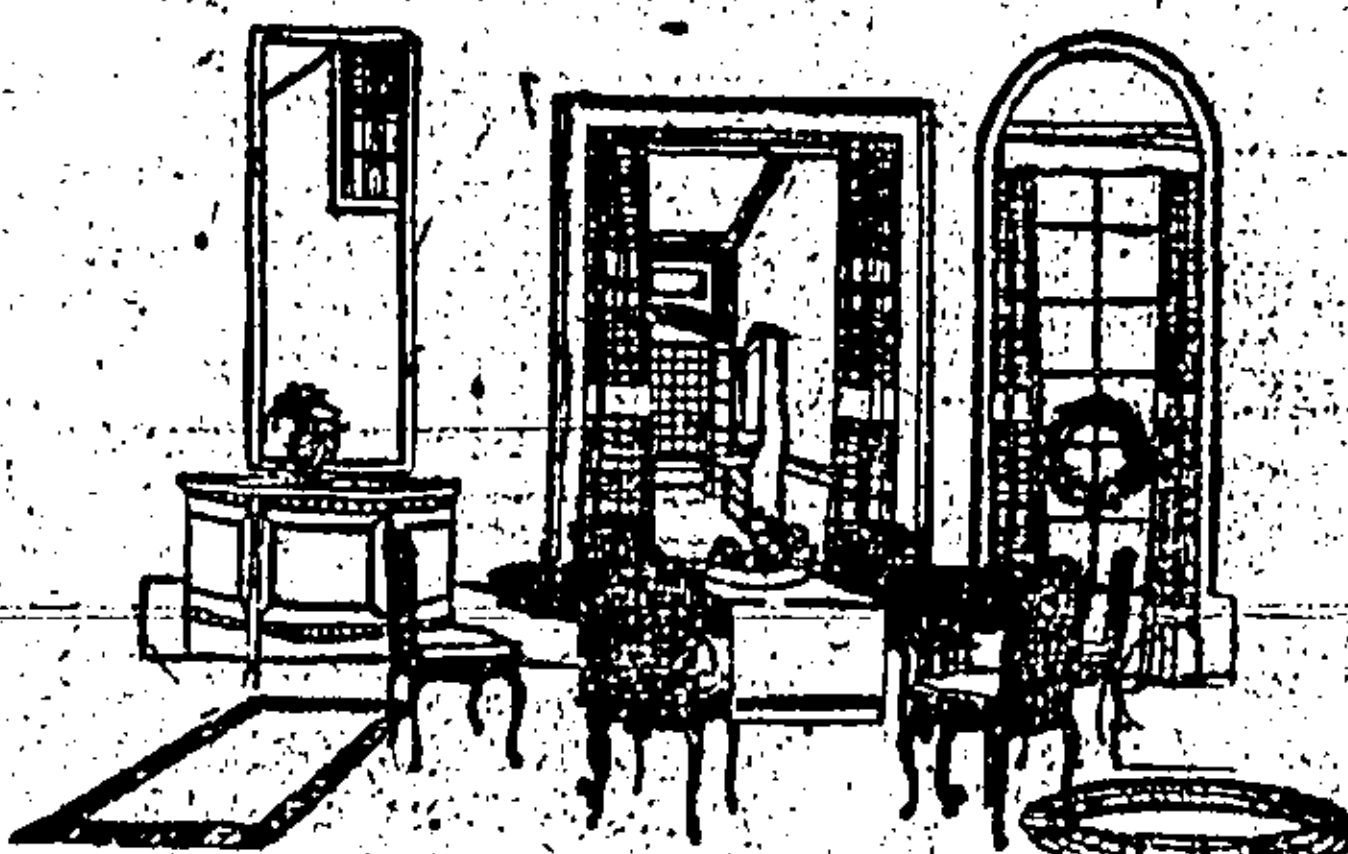


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SHADOWS BEFORE.

COMING EVENTS ADVERTISED
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ENTERTAINMENTS.

February 27.—Coronet Theatre;
Douglas Fairbanks in "When The
Clouds Roll By." World Theatre;
Donatone Binney in "Such A Little
Queen." Kowloon Theatre; Cabaret
Dance.

February 28.—to March 2.—Theatre
Royal; Carter, the eminent magician
in his wonderful magic "The Lion's
Bride;" "Sawing a Live Woman in
Half;" and "The Psycho Wonder."

SOCIAL.

March 6.—Fancy dress ball in aid
of the S.P.C.A., at City Hall, at 9.30
p.m.

March 7.—Hongkong Philharmonic
Society's Concert.

SPORTING EVENTS.

February 28.—First day of Jockey
Club's race meeting.

March 1.—Second day of Jockey
Club's race meeting.

March 2.—Third day of Jockey
Club's race meeting.

March 3.—Fourth day of Jockey
Club's race meeting.

March 3.—Fourth tourney of the
Hongkong Boxing Association at
Theatre Royal, at 9.15 p.m. Two
championship contests.

OTHER MEETINGS.

March 8.—Public Meeting to dis-
cuss the better education of British
children in Hongkong, City Hall,
5.30 p.m.

'LAUNDRY-PROOF' SHIRT.

NEW WASHING FORMULA.

Efforts are being made to produce
a "laundry-proof" shirt.
The laundress relays the blame for torn
and discoloured shirts on the manufac-
turers, contending that many of the
fabrics are unable to withstand the
ordinary washing processes. The
shirt makers blame the laundresses.

The National Federation of Lau-
nderers are asking the manufacturers to
give a guarantee that their shirts will
stand reasonable washing and will not
burn easily, and in return the lau-
nderers are offering a standardised
washing process. This formula is said
to provide for a "first wash" of 5
minutes, a "second wash" of 20
minutes, one hot rinsing of 5
minutes, and two cold rinsings of 5
minutes each, the water to contain 4
degrees of "hardness."

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One hour..... 25
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Station on the Eastern side of the City
of Victoria after 9 p.m., an extra half
fare shall be chargeable.

For 2 or 3 drivers the fare is double or
treble respectively.
II.—In the Hill District.
Ten minutes..... 15 cents
Quarter hour..... 20
Half hour..... 25
One hour..... 30
Every Subsequent hour..... 35
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Half hour..... 20 40
One hour..... 25 50
Every Subsequent hour..... 30 60

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Half hour..... 25 50
One hour..... 30 60
Every Subsequent hour..... 35 70

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LLOYD'S REGISTER ANNUAL
SUMMARY.

During the year 1922 there were
launched in the world 853 vessels of
2,467,084 tons gross. The output in
Great Britain and Ireland—
1,031,081 tons—represents nearly
42 per cent. of the total. The out-
put of the other principal ship-
building countries is as follows:—
Germany, 675,234 tons.
France, 181,509 tons.
Holland, 163,132 tons.
United States, 119,138 tons.
Italy, 101,177 tons.
Japan, 83,419 tons.

The reduction in the total output
as compared with 1921 is about
1,874,000 tons, and is spread over
every country with the exception of
Germany. In the United Kingdom
the tonnage launched in 1922 is
about 507,000 tons lower than in
1921; in the United States the de-
crease amounts to no less than
887,000 tons, and in Japan to
144,000 tons.

As compared with the record year
1919—when 7,145,000 tons were
launched—the present totals show
the enormous decrease of 4,677,000
tons.

In Great Britain and Ireland
268,000 tons were launched for
owners residing abroad, Dutch
owners being the best customers
with 97,600 tons.

The world launches for the year
include no less than 153 vessels of
over 6,000 tons each, of which 27
are of over 10,000 tons each. In
Great Britain and Ireland, were
launched six vessels of over 15,000
tons each, the largest being the
Canadian "Francis," building on
the Clyde. The "largest" vessels
launched abroad are the "Columbus"
of 35,000 tons launched at Danzig,
and one of about 20,000 tons at
Hamburg.

During the year 104 vessels of
about 776,000 tons were launched
which are to be fitted with steam
turbines, and the tonnage of new
vessels which will be propelled by
the means of internal combustion
engines amounts to about 210,000
tons.

PROGRESS OF SHIPBUILDING DURING
THE YEAR.

Lloyd's Register quarterly re-
turns show that at the opening of
the year 1922, 4,457,000 tons were
building throughout the world.
These figures, however, do not in-
clude the tonnage building in Ger-
many, totals for which country were
not then available.

During 1922 a steady decrease
took place quarter by quarter, and
at the end of the year the tonnage
under construction in the world

amounted to 2,954,000 tons; but as
this latter figure includes the ton-
nage building in Germany and at
Danzig—464,000 tons—it will be
seen that the total reduction during
the year for the other countries
amounts to close on 2,000,000 tons,
of which 1,172,000 tons represent
the decrease in Great Britain and
Ireland.

But even this great reduction
does not indicate the actual position
of the shipbuilding industry, in view
of the fact that the total figures for
the world include a considerable
amount (564,000 tons) of tonnage
on which all work is suspended.
The only consideration which leads
to brighter to some extent the
outlook for the immediate future is
that orders for new ships have re-
cently increased in Great Britain
and Ireland, but this sign of im-
provement, however temporary it
may be, does not yet apply to ship-
building yards abroad, as up to the
present most of the berths in those
yards remain vacant when the
vessels are completed.

In this connection attention
should be drawn to the huge in-
crease in the tonnage launched dur-
ing the four years 1918-1921, as
compared with pre-war periods. It
may be stated that during the nine
years 1905-1913, 223 million tons
were added to the world's merchant
navies by new construction, where-
as during the nine years 1914-22 the
total addition has amounted to near-
ly 84 million tons.

VESSELS CLASSIFIED BY LLOYD'S
REGISTER.

Of the merchant vessels launched
during 1922, 286 of 1,235,200 tons
(191 vessels of 868,693 tons in
Great Britain and Ireland and 95
of 367,507 tons abroad) were under
the survey of the society with a
view to classification in Lloyd's
Register Book. These figures in-
clude 84 per cent. of the total out-
put of Great Britain and Ireland.
Taking into account solely the sea-
going steel tonnage of steamers and
motor vessels of 1,000 tons and up-
wards, 60 per cent. of the world's
output is to be classed with Lloyd's
Register.

A SHIP'S LAUNDRY.

SHEETS DRIED AND IRONED AT THE
RATE OF 400 AN HOUR.

The Canadian Pacific liner "Em-
press of France," which left South-
ampton recently for New York,
from which port she will embark on
a 20,000 mile cruise on January 22,
has been fitted with an up-to-date
laundry at a cost of £20,000. This
new department will be in charge
of a manager, while there will be a
manageress and a staff of six men
and 80 women. In addition to the

routine laundry work, a valet ser-
vice will be provided, and clothes
needed by passengers in both East-
ern and Western climes will be
washed, ironed, and returned with
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STEAMERS.

CHANGES IN COMMANDERS.

The following changes are an-
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mands of Canadian Pacific steam-
ers:—

Captain R. G. Latta, late of the
steamer "Montcalm," has been ap-
pointed commander of the steamer
"Empress of Britain" for her West
Indian cruises; Captain Turnbull,
late commander of the steamer
"Empress of Britain," has been
transferred to the steamer "Melita"
as commander; and Captain Ham-
ilton, late commander of the steamer
"Melita," has been appointed to the
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NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that the STOCK EXCHANGE will be CLOSED on WEDNESDAY 28th, THURSDAY 1st March, FRIDAY 2nd March and SATURDAY 3rd March. By Order of the Committee.
P. TESTER,
Secretary.
Hongkong, February 26, 1923.

RACE HOLIDAYS.

THE EXCHANGE BANKS will open for the transaction of Public Business at 9.30 a.m. on WEDNESDAY, THURSDAY and FRIDAY, the 28th, 29th and 30th March, and close at 12 Noon.
Hongkong, February 23, 1923.

HONGKONG & SHANGHAI BANKING CORPORATION.

THE FINAL DIVIDEND declared for the year ending 31st December, 1922, at the rate of Three Pounds Sterling together with a Bonus of Two Pounds Sterling is payable on and after 26th day of February, 1923, at the Offices of the Corporation, where shareholders are requested to apply for warrants.
By order of The Court of Directors,
A. G. STEPHEN,
Chief Manager.
Hongkong, February 24, 1923.

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NOTICE.

DURING the suspension of the Peak Tramway Service Motor Buses will be run between the Hongkong Hotel and the Peak Church, leaving either end at the following times:
8 a.m. to 10 a.m., every 20 minutes.
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NOTICE.

TRAFFIC on the Peak Tramway will be suspended from 1 A.M. on WEDNESDAY, 21st instant for a period of eight days or thereabouts in order to carry out certain repairs to the Haulage Machinery. Season ticket holders will have the option of getting their tickets extended for the whole period or cash refund or obtaining a pro rata refund on such tickets for the unexpired period.

JOHN D. HUMPHREYS & SON,
General Managers.
Hongkong, February 19, 1923.

HONGKONG BOXING ASSOCIATION.

FOURTH TOURNAMENT OF THE SEASON.
AT THE THEATRE ROYAL.
MAIN EVENTS.
Fifteen Round Contest for the Lightweight Championship of the Colony and the "Gedgo" Belt.

A. B. Chadwick v. Stoker P.O. Morgan
H. M. S. Marston v. H. M. S. Hawkins.
AND
Fifteen Round Contest for the Middleweight Championship of the Colony and the "Daily Press" Belt.
A. B. Duncan v. P. A. Alnoworth.
H. M. S. Magoola v. B. M. L. J.

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INTIMATIONS.

HONGKONG JOCKEY CLUB.

RACE MEETING, 1923.

FEBRUARY 28th, & MARCH 1st,
2nd and 3rd.

TICKETS OF ADMISSION to the PUBLIC ENCLOSURE may be obtained from Messrs. KELLY & WAHNE or at the Gate. Price \$3.—per day, SOLDIERS AND SAILORS in uniform \$1.—per day.
No one admitted without a Ticket to be shown to the Ticket Inspector at the Gate.

H. BIRKETT,
Clerk of the Course.
Hongkong, February 16, 1923.

HONGKONG JOCKEY CLUB.

MEMBERS' BADGES OF ADMISSION TO THE MEMBERS' ENCLOSURE are now ready and may be obtained from Messrs. Linstead & Davis, Alexandra Buildings. ALL BADGES MUST BE PRODUCED TO GAIN ADMISSION.

H. BIRKETT,
Clerk of the Course.
Hongkong, February 15, 1923.

HONGKONG JOCKEY CLUB.

UNDER the new arrangements the entrance to the Public Enclosure will be from the Gate at the Wongneichong end of the Course. There will be a Ladies' Room, Refreshment Room, Bar and Stand No. 11, as well as a separate Parlour for those using the Public Enclosure. The Cash Sweep will be at the end of the Public Enclosure next to the Weighing Room. The entrance for Members and those holding Tickets for Members' Enclosure will be at the Middle Gate. Cafe, Wiseman are supplying Tiffin and Teas every day at the Jockey Club Stand for Members and at No. 11 Stand for non-members. Tables or Seats may be booked.

H. BIRKETT,
Clerk of the Course.
Hongkong, February 22, 1923.

HONGKONG JOCKEY CLUB.

THE STEWARDS request the pleasure of the presence of the LADIES at the Races.

Hongkong, February 22, 1923.

HONGKONG JOCKEY CLUB.

PASSES FOR SERVANTS will be issued on application to Messrs. Linstead & Davis, Alexandra Buildings.
No Servants will be allowed inside the ENCLOSURE of the Race Course during Race Days WITHOUT TICKETS.
These Tickets are only available for Servants while in attendance on their employers or when on duty at the various Stands.
Any Chinese found loitering about with Servants' Passes in their possession will forfeit them and holders thereof will be removed from the Enclosure.

H. BIRKETT,
Clerk of the Course.
Hongkong, February 22, 1923.

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ISLAND.	Feet
Signal Station	1774
Ma Parker	1734
Mountain Lodge	1725
The Eryie	1725
Peak Hotel	1805
Taipec Sanatorium	1000
Ma Davis	877
Bowen Rd. (dunbeds)	898
MAINLAND.	
Taimoshan	3124
Kowloon Peak	1971
Lau Kok	1445
Shatin Pass	1000
Customs Pass	780
Devil's Peak	724

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DOCTOR'S AMAZING ADVENTURE.

The story of the kidnapping of Dr. Oliver St. John Gogarty, M.D., Dublin's famous physician, and a member of the Irish Senate, and his subsequent escape would make a dramatic cinema film, wires a special Dublin correspondent. At his house in Ely-place, a quiet side street near St. Stephen's-green, Dr. Gogarty was dressing for dinner about eight o'clock in Friday night in mail week when four young men called. The maid assumed they were patients, and admitted them. They went upstairs and compelled the doctor at the point of the revolver to go with them to a motor-car, outside in which were three more men and a woman.
"I was put into the back of the car," the doctor said in relating his adventures. "A man sat on either side of me and another on my lap. They warned me that if I made any noise or tried to escape I would be shot. They drove by Phoenix Park on to the Lucan road to about a quarter of a mile past Island Bridge. They pulled up where there was a wicket gate in the wall, and steps led down to a house known as Belmont Pool. The house was empty, and is almost concealed from the roadway. It abuts on the river. There were four guards, and I think one man patrolling outside.
"They lighted a fire in one of the rooms and told me they were going to hold me as a hostage. After nearly two hours I asked permission to go outside, accompanied by one of the guards. I was wearing my big fur-lined motorcar coat. Now was my chance to make a dash for liberty. It was extremely dark. I asked a guard if he would hold my coat, he put his hand out for it. I hung it over his head, enveloping him in such a manner that he would take some time to free himself.
"The river was about sixty yards from the spot, and there was a path leading down to it, but the light from the other side of the river would have made me a silhouette and an easy target. I dared not take the risk, but I did record time in a dash for a coppice, and tore my bonds as I struggled through the bushes. Judge of my chagrin when I came up against a wall about ten feet high.
"The guard was now free and searching for me in the coppice. I made for the open patch, and falling flat, I rolled to the edge and dropped over. The icy water caught me, and I knew I was safe. My clothes were impeding my progress, and I discarded my morning coat. I became numb, yet I dared not leave the water.
"I allowed the current to carry me about 300 yards, and then, anticipating that my captors would watch for me on the opposite side of the weir, I decided to get out at the most unexpected spot, so I struck out for the same side as I had dropped in and dragged myself ashore.
"Dr. Gogarty took refuge at a cottage near by, and returned to his home next morning. He is now playing with friends.
An attempt by six armed men to capture Mr. John Dineen, who represents Cork in the Dail, only failed by the men mistaking a gentleman of the same name for him.
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Butcher Meat.

	February 27, 1923.	June 1918.	June 1914.
Beef Strain.—Mal Long Pa .. lb.	28	24	12
Prime Cut lb.	28	24	12
Corned.—Ham Ngau Yau .. lb.	20	23	20
Roast.—Shih lb.	24	24	24
Breast.—Ngau Nam lb.	22	20	18
Soup.—Tong Yau lb.	22	20	18
Beef.—Ngau Yau Pa lb.	28	24	22
Beef Strain.—Ngau Lam .. lb.	32	30	28
Sausages.—Ngau Cheung .. lb.	20	20	20
Ballock's Brain.—Ngau No per set .. lb.	12	10	14
Tongue, fresh.—Ngau Lai each 60 .. lb.	60	60	60
Tongue, corned.—Ham Ngau Lai each 75 cents .. lb.	60	—	—
Head.—Ngau Tau .. each 1.00 .. lb.	1.00	1.30	—
Heart.—Ngau Sam .. lb.	12	14	14
Hump, Salt.—Ngau Tin .. lb.	32	20	18
Feet.—Ngau Keok .. each 12 .. lb.	10	12	12
Kidney.—Ngau Yau .. lb.	12	10	12
—Ngau Mei .. lb.	32	30	28
Liver.—Ngau Koon .. lb.	18	18	14
Tripe (undressed). Ngau To lb. 2 .. lb.	6	7	7

Poultry.

	February 27, 1923.	June 1918.	June 1914.
Chicken.—H. A. lb.	75	30	21
Capons, Small.—Shi Kai .. lb.	56	28	30
Capons, Large.—Shi Kai .. lb.	64	28	30
Duck.—Shi Kai lb.	30	22	20
Dove.—Pao Kao .. Each .. lb.	—	—	—
Eggs, Hen.—Kai Tau (fresh) per doz .. lb.	32	25	20
Eggs, Hen.—Kai Tau (fresh) per doz .. lb.	32	25	20
Fowls, Canton.—Kai .. lb.	80	38	34
Fowls, Hainan.—Hoi Nam Kai .. lb.	55	38	34
Geese.—Nga lb.	40	34	34
Pigeons, Canton.—Pak Kap .. lb.	35	30	—
—Hoi Nam Pak Kap .. lb.	45	33	—
Turkeys, Cook.—Fo Kai Kung .. lb.	60	60	—
Turkeys, Hen.—Fo Kai Na .. lb.	53	48	—
Salp.—Shi Tau each .. lb.	21	—	—
Pheasant.—Shan Kai lb.	—	—	—
Quail.—On Onen lb.	35	—	—
Partridges.—Che Ku lb.	90	—	—

Fruits.

Almonds.—Hang Yan lb.	56	25	30
Apples, (California).—Kam Shan .. lb.	24	24	—
Bananas, (Girdle).—Macao .. lb.	4	4	—
—Heng Chiu lb.	—	—	—
Cashewnuts.—Yung To lb.	12	—	—
Cocoanuts.—Ye To each 14 .. lb.	10	10	10
Lemons, China.—Ling Mung .. lb.	14	7	—
Lemons, (America).—Kam Shan .. lb.	7	8	8
Ling Mung each 7 .. lb.	—	—	—
Madras, Dried, (small cones).—Lai Chi Kon .. lb.	32	25	3
Oranges, (Canton).—Sweet .. lb.	15	—	10
—Shan-sheng Tin Chang .. lb.	8	—	—
Oranges, Tin Chang lb.	—	—	15
Pears, (California).—Shi Kai .. lb.	20	—	—
Peanuts.—Pa Shang lb.	12	10	15
Pecanum, Large.—Hung Tau .. lb.	12	—	—
Plantain.—Tai Chiu lb.	3	2	4
Pumpkin, Small.—Tsin Lo Yau .. each 10 .. lb.	12	6	—
Walnuts.—Hop To lb.	18	14	15
Grapes.—Po Tai Tsai lb.	25	—	—

Vegetables, &c.

Artichokes.—Ah Chi Obek lb.	8	—	—
Beans, Sprouts.—Ngau Yau .. lb.	3	—	—
—Lauk.—Tao Kok lb.	—	—	—
Beet Root.—Hung Tai Tau .. each .. lb.	8	—	—
Bitter Melon.—Pa Kwa lb.	5	—	—
Brijala, Green.—Ching Yau Kwa .. lb.	7	5	9
—Red.—Hui Kwa lb.	7	5	9
Cabbage, Chinese, (common).—Kai Tai .. lb.	4	5	12
(Shanghai).—Ye Tai lb.	10	12	—
Cauliflower, Small.—Kai Kwa .. lb.	9	—	—
Cauliflower, (Large).—Ye Tai Pa .. each 18 .. lb.	—	—	—
(Medium). lb.	14	—	—
(Small). lb.	10	—	—
Cayenne.—Kam Shan lb.	6	6	6
Celery, Chinese.—Tong Kwa Tai .. lb.	8	10	6
Chilies, Dried.—Kai Kai Chiu .. lb.	20	25	25
—Red.—Hung Pa Chiu lb.	20	10	12
—Green.—Ching Kai Chiu .. lb.	10	8	12
Curry Root, English.—Kai Kai Chiu .. lb.	10	10	10
—Hing Tau lb.	10	10	10
Cucumbers.—Ching Kwa each 5 .. lb.	—	—	—
—Sun Tau lb.	6	8	—
Glazer, young.—Sun Tau Kwong .. lb.	7	7	—
Glazer, old.—Lo Kwong lb.	10	10	—
Horseradish.—Shang Kai .. lb.	20	—	—
Indian Corn.—Shuk Mei each .. lb.	7	—	—
Lettuce.—Young Shing Tai .. lb.	7	—	—
Water Chestnuts.—Ma Tai .. lb.	8	6	8
—Mandarin.—Kwai lb.	18	10	8
Mushrooms, Fresh.—Shing Tai Kai .. lb.	—	—	—
Onions lb.	10	10	10
Onions, Bombay.—Yung Ching Tai .. lb.	10	8	8
Onions, Green.—Shing Ching .. lb.	4	4	6
Onions, Shanghai.—Shing Ching .. lb.	7	8	—
Parsley.—Kai Tai lb.	7	40	—
Potatoes, Sweet.—Yan Shu lb.	4	3	—
—Japanese.—Yan Shu Tai Tai .. lb.	5	—	—
—American.—Pa Kai Tai Tai .. lb.	8	8	10
Pumpkins.—Tung Kwa lb.	4	3	4
Radish.—Hing Lo Tai Tai .. lb.	4	—	—
Rhubarb (French).—Tai Wong .. lb.	—	—	10
Shallots.—Kong Ching Tai .. lb.	5	5	6
Spinach.—Tin Tai lb.	4	—	—
Tomatoes.—Yan Kai lb.	7	7	7
—Wai Tai lb.	4	6	—
Turkey, Fresh.—Lo Pak lb.	4	4	4
Vegetable Marrow.—Tai Kwa .. lb.	—	—	—
Wheat Corn.—Shi Tai Tai .. lb.	7	15	—
—Lau Yau lb.	5	—	—
Yam.—Lo Shu lb.	—	—	—

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MARRIAGE.

STODDART-BROWNE.—On Feb-
ruary 21-1923, at Shanghai, by
the Very Rev. Dean Symons,
Joseph Stoddart to Annie Louise
Browne.

DEATH.

GOSSETT.—On February 21, 1923,
at Shanghai, Emily, beloved wife
of Edward Gossett and mother
of Rose Woodcock, aged 59 years.

The China Mail.

"TRUTH, JUSTICE, PUBLIC SERVICE"

HONGKONG, TUESDAY, FEB. 27, 1923.

AGAINST BRITAIN.

Much water has flowed under Europe's bridge since the armistice was signed. Four years ago any word against our ally France would have brought instant reproach, anger, hate, even. To-day we have a responsible British journal not merely condemning Franco's vendetta against Germany—our Government itself has done that—but, seeing danger for Britain in French diplomacy. The *Observer* is not alone here; others have detected French efforts to form a Continental bloc against Britain. Indeed, our Government is reported to be "closely considering" the matter, and though hitherto it has been content to wait and see, it is alive to the necessity of readjusting our policy should any new grouping result. The *Observer* states that the move has so far not been very serious. Signor Mussolini, it adds, has in no wise encouraged the plan and Belgium is now less inclined to underwrite French risks in the Ruhr than she was five weeks ago. That may be the position

to-day but it is scarcely accurate to say that Mussolini has not backed France against Britain. Only the other day he helped Poincaré to defeat our efforts to prevent the Ruhr, and even agreed to send Italian engineers into the coveted region. Since then he has made frantic efforts to retrace his steps. Believing that the French merely contemplated a tour of investigation, Italy, he now says, gave France political and technical support. "Italy could not isolate herself without making a very serious mistake, nor could she dissociate herself from the operation of controlling the coal-fields, a question of fundamental importance for European and Italian economics." The proposal to form a Continental combination against Great Britain, he protests, is non-existent. "The Italian Government has never made such a proposal, and in any event it could never have contemplated a Continental combination against Great Britain. The Italian Government advised France to limit as much as possible the military character of the action in the Ruhr, and not to shut the door upon the possibility of agreement. If an Entente were formed which could give peace to Europe it could not, in the opinion of Italy, succeed without the participation of Great Britain." So much for Italy. Belgium, though now little more than a French protectorate, has become very restive because Germany is her best customer and the Ruhr invasion has played havoc with this trade. Clearly then, with America estranged, Russia cool, and Germany hostile, France will not find much support. She will therefore be well advised to heed the opinion expressed in British official quarters and desist from playing any dangerous games with the balance of power. Britain owes too much to this age-long principle to have it juggled with until more enlightened times have made a real League of Nations possible.

SPECIAL CABLE.

NEW F.M.S. COUNCIL.

IMPOSING OPENING
CEREMONY.

[China Mail Special.]

SINGAPORE, February 26.
The reconstituted Council opened yesterday with an imposing ceremonial. The Governor described it as a further stage in an ordered advance and a milestone along the road from an assured past to a future full of promise.

LOCAL AND GENERAL.

Fire and Marine Insurance Offices will be closed for public business from 11.45 a.m. on Race Days.

The second and final call of \$2.00 per share in the China Light and Power Co., Ltd. is payable to the Co's bankers, the Hongkong and Shanghai Bank on March 1.

Among the arrivals by the "Fushimi Maru" yesterday, was Lady Nellie Moss H. E. Scott, Rev. C. Forrester, Mr. and Mrs. R. A. Ramsey and Mr. W. G. Fitzgibbon.

A number of rice-junks in the Bocca Tigris vicinity were fired at by the Hai-chi, one of the Northern Cruiser squadron on Sunday. Martial law has been declared by the men-of-war anchored there.

The Chinese charged before Mr. J. R. Wood yesterday with dumping the dead body of a child on the Yaumati breakwater was fined \$50 this morning. Medical evidence was given that the child was stillborn. His Worship remarked that defendant should have taken the body to the mortuary.

Remanded on Friday after an all-day hearing, a Chinese was yesterday convicted of an aggravated armed robbery at a cinematograph dealer's house in Shanghai Street on January 26. The Jury returned a unanimous verdict against the accused and the Pui-ne Judge passed sentence of 15 years' hard labour.

A verdict of "accidental death" exonerating the police from all blame was recorded by a Jury at the Coroner's Inquest held yesterday afternoon into the circumstances attending the death of a Chinese with a record of crime dating back to 1904. Deceased fell from the verandah of a house in Yaumati when the police were searching for arms.

An important change, the *N. O. Daily News* reports, has just taken place in the organization of Messrs. Jardine, Matheson and Co., Ltd., Engineering Department, which has now been converted into a private company and registered as the Jardine Engineering Corporation, Ltd. The company will have its head office at 84, Yuenningyuen Road, which branches at Peking, Tientsin, Hankow and Hongkong, and will carry on business as an entirely independent concern. The directors are: Mr. John Johnston, Mr. B. D. F. Beith and Mr. D. G. M. Bernard (Hongkong), and Mr. G. S. Aveyard has been appointed manager.

RIFLE FROM SANDAKAN.

CABIN BOY CONVICTED.

The second Chinese steward and a Chinese cabin boy of s.s. "Victoria" appeared before Mr. J. R. Wood this morning, charged with possession of a rifle.

Sub-Inspector Spear had charge of the case. Mr. Leo d'Almada, who defended, entered a plea of not guilty for the steward and one of guilty for the boy.
Det. Sgt. Andrews gave evidence as to the finding of the rifle, which had been taken to pieces and hidden in various parts of the first defendant's cabin. When he questioned the second defendant, the latter admitted concealing the weapon, stating that a passenger handed it to him at Sandakan, promising him a few shillings for bringing it to Hongkong.
Mr. d'Almada pointed out to his Worship that the second defendant was only a boy and had only been on the ship a few trips. He asked his Worship to take a lenient view of the case and not blacken the boy's career when he was just setting out. His pay was only \$1 per month and he had always done his work extremely well.
Mr. Wood said: "Defendant is engaged in a most dangerous trade and one that has got to be suppressed."
Addressing the boy, the Magistrate said: "You are liable to twelve months' imprisonment but I will announce your penalty to-morrow morning."
First defendant was discharged.

COMPANY MEETING.

HONGKONG ROPE MANU-
FACTURING CO., LTD.

ADVANTAGE OF WRITING DOWN.

The thirty-ninth ordinary yearly meeting of the Hongkong Rope Manufacturing Company, Limited, was held at the offices of the general managers (Messrs. Shaw, Tomes & Co.), this morning. Mr. R. G. Sheehan presided and there were present: Messrs. H. P. White, Allan, Cameron and A. O. Lang (Directors), F. J. Tavares (Secretary) and the following shareholders: Messrs. A. A. Gutierrez, G. P. Lammett, E. F. Aucott, A. A. Cordeiro, A. A. Bolelho, J. Toppin, and A. S. Ellis.

The Chairman said:—The report and accounts which have been in your hands for some days show a balance at credit of Profit and Loss Account of \$209,887.78 which plus \$11,166.74 brought forward and less \$60,000.00 for Interim Dividend leave \$161,054.52 for division. We recommend that this amount be allocated as follows:
To Reserve Fund \$25,000.00
To Bonus to Staff 2,907.91
To Final Dividend of
\$1.00 per share 60,000.00
To Bonus of \$1.00 per
share 60,000.00
And carry forward 13,166.61
\$161,054.52

To keep ourselves in funds for meeting the cost of the new buildings the contract for which was with great difficulty finally settled at \$166,000.00 we sold the balance of our holdings of Green Island Cement Co. shares resulting in the Profit of \$67,807.50 shown in Profit and Loss Account. This with the income from Dividends and Interest enables us to again pay a bonus in addition to our usual Dividend.
But, as with many industrial companies like ours, it has been a very slack year, demand was poor and prices fell off so that our sales and our profits show a material reduction. This year I am glad to say has begun better and with a falling exchange prospects seem a little brighter for the future.

Although it has not been a good year I do not think you will object to the small bonus to the staff nor to our donation of \$750.00 to the Swatow Relief Fund.

With regard to the balance sheet item of land by itself has disappeared as it is now included in the amounts against the items of "factory, machinery, etc." and "new buildings." Of the whole area of 140,594 square feet, 112,744 square feet is covered by the factory, etc., which has accordingly been debited with \$9,628.63 for the value of same and 27,850 square feet will be taken up by the new Chinese shops and dwelling houses. The first row of sixteen houses is now well advanced and is expected to be ready for occupation about May this year. To take full advantage of the land at our disposal we propose to build a further 12 houses by shifting our hemp godown. There appears to be no doubt as to the demand for these houses and we feel quite satisfied that the investment will give a good return to the Company. Stocks of hemp and rope have been valued at conservative figures below both cost and current prices and investments in stocks and shares stand as you can see below market rates at the end of the year.

I now propose that the report and accounts as presented be adopted and passed and that the profits be divided as proposed and after that has been seconded I shall be pleased to answer questions from shareholders.

Mr. H. P. White seconded, there were no questions from shareholders, and the motion was carried unanimously.

Mr. G. P. Lammett proposed, and Mr. A. A. Gutierrez seconded, and it was carried unanimously that Messrs. H. P. White, A. O. Lang and Allan Cameron be elected members of the Consulting Committee.

Mr. B. F. Aucott proposed, and Mr. A. A. Cordeiro seconded, the election of Messrs. Linstead, Davis and Messrs. Percy Smith, Seth and Fleming as auditors for the ensuing year at a remuneration of \$850 each.

MR. SHEWAN'S ADVICE.
Proposing a vote of thanks at the close of the meeting to the consulting committee and general management for the able way in which they had conducted the affairs of the Company, Mr. Lammett remarked: "Apart from the value of the land which is now 100 times what it stands at in the books, and the very splendid position of the Investment Account, I do not think the affairs of the Company could have been in safer hands."
The Chairman, in acknowledging the compliment, said he must remind Mr. Lammett that this land was pretty well built upon now and they could not do very much more with it. "The principal reason why the Company stands in such a good position," Mr. Sheehan

BILLIARDS.

CHAMPIONSHIP TOURNEY.

A. J. OSUMUND WINS FINAL.

At the V.R.C. last evening, A. J. Osumund qualified to meet P. A. Yanovich in the challenge round for the billiards championship of the Colony by easily defeating P. S. Leung in the final match by 1,009 to 687.

Osumund was in fine form and running away from his opponent from the start, he was an obvious good winner throughout the match. He put up the best break of the tourney (94) in the first session and adding 67, 48, 41, 30 and 24 led by 200 points at the interval. Leung's best efforts were 34, 29, 27 (twice) 24 and 20.

Leung put up a better fight in the second session and the struggle was a close one for some time, Osumund scoring only 187 points to his opponent's 378. Then, with the scores standing at 637 to 578 in favour of Osumund, he re-established his commanding lead with a break of 88. Leung continued to put up a plucky losing fight, but when Osumund made a remarkably fine break of 70, his chances were shattered. Osumund finished the game with an unfinished break of 24.

The winner's best breaks during the second period were 70, 43, 39, 34, 33, 28, 25, 24 and 24 (unfinished). Leung's best breaks were 28 (twice), 24, 23 and 20.

Mr. John Rodger officiated as umpire.

FORGERY CASE.

OFFICIAL MEASURER'S
CLERK.

YOUNG CHINESE CLERK CHARGED.

Before Mr. R. E. Lindsell, at the Magistrate's yesterday afternoon, a young Chinese appeared to answer nine charges of forging the signature of Mr. B. R. Branch, the official measurer, to three cheques for \$750, \$500 and \$800 drawn on the Hongkong and Shanghai Bank, of uttering the forged cheques, and of receiving the amounts stated with intent to defraud.

According to Mr. G. G. N. Tinson, for the prosecution, defendant had been in the employ of Mr. Branch for about two years. The defendant is alleged to have stolen the cheques from a drawer and to have presented one to the Current Accounts Department of the Bank on February 5. Suspicions were entertained regarding the signature and inquiries were made leading up to Mr. Branch's denial of the signature and the defendant's arrest on the Bank premises.

After Mr. Pentyrose, Chief Accountant, and Mr. McPhail, in charge of the Current Accounts of the Bank, had given evidence, the case was adjourned.

LABOUR GUILDS.

PROPOSED PARENT UNION.

DR. SUN'S HELP.

On Sunday, representatives of the two Hongkong General Labour Associations and a number of guilds met to consider the proposal for establishing one general union. As there was not the requisite number of delegates present nothing definite was arrived at beyond a suggestion to approach guilds which have hitherto been disinterested. The name for the parent body will be *Chung Wah Tsung Kung Wui*, this having been suggested by Dr. Sun during his recent stay here.

It was announced at the meeting that the delegates who welcomed Dr. Sun to Canton had approached him in regard to certain labour questions in Hongkong. His help was solicited on behalf of the Hongkong Wuchow Seamen's and the Bakers' Guilds which had been closed by the Government.

Dr. Sun was quoted as having told the labourers that if they considered they had adequate reasons they could themselves approach the local Government on the matter.

CRICKET.

H.K.C.C. v. NAVY.

The following will represent the Club versus Royal Navy on Saturday next, 3rd March, at 2.15 p.m.:
E. J. R. Mitchell, (capt.), G. A. Chadwick, L. J. Davies, P. F. Farthing, H. E. Holland, H. O. Hughes, L. D. McNeill, D. G. Nicholson, B. E. Webster, W. W. Mackenzie and G. H. Perry.

There will be no second XI match.
declared. "is that we have always written well down and I should recommend this to all shareholders in Hongkong."

THE HUNDRED AND TEN
COMMANDMENTS.

[TOM WRIGHT STUFF.]

HONOLULU.

Some historians of repute aver that America was discovered by Senor Columbus. Or ought I to say, "Signor Columbus?" Maskee! There is an easy way to avoid this initial stumble-stone. The abbreviation "Sr." Columbus will save us controversy, by fitting either claim. Sr. Columbus discovered America, then, and I am busy discovering Americans now. For you, not for myself, I know them and I like them. You don't know them, and that is sufficient to suggest to any experienced observer that you probably don't like them. That, if so, will not seriously damage them; but it will hurt you. Of late in our Home prints we have been seeing many references to the profound discovery that blood is thicker than water, and reminders (with an undertone of amazement at our own forgetfulness) that we, British and Americans, are members of one racial family. It is quite true and it is not strictly speaking a fact. The "Anglo-Saxon" race is a myth, now that the world war is regarded as over; but all the same, family resemblances may be traced and identified. For the purpose of this present essay, it suits me not to be too ethnologically finicking, and to accept the position that the American is one of us, who has been so long away from home that he has forgotten the Family Jokes and picked up new ones. Ours are now strange to him, as his to us. It occurs to me that when the Fatted Calf had been cleared away, the Prodigal's table talk would often elevate the elder brother's eyebrow, and bring puzzled wrinkles to the face of the happy parent, while inwardly scorn would curdle in the Prodigal as he noticed the same old hazy topics passing muster as news for discussion. I perceive already that I have bitten off more than I intend to chew. It would need a many-volumed book, rather than one essay, to discover Americans for you. "In one discern all" is not a good motto for the discoverer of a great (and various) people, any more than it is for the callow one who generalizes Woman. There are Americans, as there are British, towards whom I find it inconvenient to be well affected. I love only the lovable, and if I persist in mentioning fellow-nationals that I do not love, it does not mean that I regard all Britons as damnable, nor must you rashly impute disloyalty to me if I discover that in some ways I like Americans better than I like my own folk. After all, there are points whereabout I prefer my brethren to my cousins; but you are not so deficient in national complacency as to make it necessary for me to dwell on these. In order to discover Americans the discoverer has to get acquainted with them; and I find it, for a case in point, easier to get acquainted with a strange American than with a strange Englishman. On being introduced to Americans, I have never yet suffered the embarrassment of that lengthy silence, that stony expression, which—well, you know what I mean. So far as I can see, there is no correct class of Americans, no gallant little band of (exclusive) arbiters of Good Form and Good Taste. They may exist somewhere, for it is a vast country; but I haven't met them yet, whereas as every aggregation of houses in England shelters some of these too lavish Moores, handing us stonily their one hundred and ten commandments. America has its reformers, its legislators, its prohibitors, its "drive" committees; and I believe I have heard rumours that it even has its eugenicists; but I am very sure it has no William Ralph Inge, no "gloomy dean" such as dares to include, in an *Edinburgh Review* article on eugenics, a family tree of thirteen Inges, to show what our race might rise to if only his propaganda were to succeed. (E.R. July, 1922) I gather that Dean Inge is a Liberal in theology. It is obvious that for the propagation of his eugenic faith, if he could, he would be willing to use the methods of the Spanish Inquisition. He may have scholarly doubts about the Pentateuch; his eugenic doctrine is for him a religious certitude; for the sake of which he is not ashamed to figure in the *Edinburgh Review* as a "humorous snob." It must be the latest form of martyrdom; for the man sometimes shows humour. Once I suspected subtle satire. Now, among Americans, I am sure it is just as I said. Here I am at the end of my space, and instead of discovering Americans to you, I have merely uncovered one of the worst types of British writers. You must allow me another shy at my subject, by and by. I may then be able to point out how the tailor ancestors of George Meredith and archdiocesan accusers of Dean Inge would not occur to Americans as essential factors in the sum of either literary merit or eugenic crankology. I am as regards America an anti-Prohibitionist. I think Prohibition was a

INCRIMINATING
EVIDENCE.

QUARTETTE IN TROUBLE.

In the Chief Justice's Court at the Criminal Sessions this morning, four Chinese, Lam Ping, Luk Wah, Ip Fai and Lo Fook, were charged with armed robbery at No. 77, Yeekuk Street, Samshuijoo, on January 24; or in the alternative, receiving stolen property; and with unlawful possession of a fully loaded revolver and five daggers.

Prisoners pleaded "not guilty," and the following jury was empanelled: Messrs. A. G. W. Ogilvie (foreman), J. H. Lawrence, C. Ahloo, W. C. Olson, H. Way, S. L. Hadden and J. M. Silva.

Mr. H. K. Holmes, Crown Solicitor, told the Jury at the outset that there was no identification of either of the prisoners or direct evidence connecting them with the robbery, but shortly after the robbery, property stolen from No. 77, Yeekuk Street, was found on the floor of a house where the prisoners lived.

Proceeding to detail the facts of the robbery, Mr. Holmes said that it occurred at 4 a.m., on January 24. The victims were a Chinese merchant doing business in the Hongkong side of the harbour and his wife. They were unable to identify any of the robbers because their bedroom was very dimly lighted. The merchant would say that six men entered the room. Three of them carried revolvers and the others had daggers. The robbers tied the man's hands with wire and covered his head with a piece of cloth. The woman would say that she became frightened when she saw the robbers and closing her eyes she hid her head under the bed clothes. The robbers took the keys from the man and ransacked the premises, stealing money and jewellery and a box containing clothing. Some time after the robbers had left, the master of the house reported the matter at the Samshuijoo police station. Later in the morning Inspector Murphy and some police visited No. 86, Wuchow Street and there found the prisoners.

One prisoner pointed out to the Inspector a hole in the kitchen wall where a fully loaded revolver was found. In other parts of the house the police found five daggers, some wire and tape, a box of clothing identified by the victims and some of the stolen jewellery.

First three accused told the police they were only visitors to the house to smoke opium while the fourth said he was employed to look after the divan. They all denied knowledge of the robbery, saying that the property found on the floor was brought in by a man named Ngai Wah who was the master of the divan.

(Proceeding)

HOCKEY.

CLUB v. H.K.S. B.G.A.

The following will represent the Club at the U.S.R.C. Kowloon tomorrow at 5 p.m.: Club Colours—A. Bower, A. N. Oher, G. Murray, E. J. R. Mitchell, the Rev. E. W. L. Martin, M. L. Bailton, H. Owen Hughes, F. H. Holdman, W. Woodward, G. T. May, the Rev. N. Evans.

POSTAL EXPANSION.

EXTRA FIRST FLOOR ROOMS.

NEW ARRANGEMENTS MADE.

The section of the first floor of the Post Office Building hitherto shared by the Money Order Office with the Treasury and Secretariat for Chinese Affairs was yesterday occupied by the Post Office, this extra accommodation having been rendered necessary by the increased turnover of business. Rapid developments since June, 1911, when the Post Office entered its present premises, has necessitated more room if efficiency is not to suffer.

Among several innovations to be put into effect are separate handling of local parcels and parcels to be forwarded, transfer of the box-holder's section to the Des Voeux Road side and a counter in the public office where in times of pressure, a counter can be reserved for ladies.

legislative crime. I compare it with legislation such as Dean Inge once for it seems to me an amiable and matterless farce. I would blackball the inventor of American Prohibition if he sought to join my club, whereas for the possible introduction of Inge legislation I would get my club and with it seek to swat him into the infinite silence.

ST. GEORGE'S SOCIETY.

ANNUAL MEETING HELD.

ACTIVITIES OF THE YEAR.

The Hongkong Society of St. George held its annual meeting at the City Hall yesterday afternoon. The retiring President, Mr. R. H. B. Hancock, was in the chair and those present included:—

The Hon. Mr. H. Pollock, K.C., Lieutenant Colonel L. G. Bird, the Rev. Copley Moyle, and Messrs. D. G. M. Bernard, M. E. F. Airey, H. W. Bird, J. W. Alabaster, J. Bentley, G. T. Bird, P. S. Cassidy, W. A. Cornhill, W. A. Dowley, C. Dickens, H. B. L. Dowbiggin, W. J. Eldridge, A. S. Exell, A. Hicks, H. Hancock, P. C. Hall, V. O. Labrum, R. E. Lindell, S. M. Mayes, W. Morley, F. A. Perry, A. Piercy, J. H. Ramsay, R. J. Stevenson, D. V. Stevenson, R. J. Wilton, and H. P. Winslow.

THE CHAIRMAN'S ADDRESS.

The Chairman presented the annual report and accounts for approval. The report read as follows:—

"The Accounts for 1922 with our Honorary Auditor's report having been sent to all members, I will with your permission, take them as read. Owing to my impending departure for Home on a holiday, I was anxious to hold this meeting before I left, and it has been rather a rush on account of the Chinese New Year holidays to get the Accounts printed and circulated earlier, and I hope you will overlook the delay in this respect.

The balance carried forward from 1922 is smaller than the previous years and needs some explanation. Without the special item \$1,000-Two 6 per cent. Hongkong Government War Bonds, it would have been smaller by some \$2,495. This is accounted for by the larger number of calls made upon us for assistance during the year, which your Committee thought you would desire to be helped. I will refer to this question later on. With regard to the item "Two 6 per cent. Government War Bonds" this represents four prizes which are still unclaimed from the 1918 War Bond drawing. Under the terms of the original drawing, winning tickets not presented before noon on the 23rd December, 1918, were liable to be cancelled. Advertisements concerning these prizes have been issued in all papers locally and elsewhere, and they have not been claimed. Our Auditors considered that the item should now be brought into the Accounts, and it has been dealt with as you see.

In accordance with your wishes, a grant was again made last year to the Hon. Mr. Irving, Director of Education, for prizes for patriotic essays in recognition of St. George's Day for children in British schools. The prize essays were afterwards sent to your committee for their information.

The grant to the Greenwich Seamen's Hospital is the usual annual one, and we also made a grant of £10.10.0 to an urgent appeal from the Shaftesbury Home and "Arthurs" Training Ship. The remaining outgoings, I think, explain themselves.

The observance of St. George's Day last April was confined to the interchange of messages between fraternal societies, a grant of prizes to school children, and presentation of roses to Lady Stubbs, and Mrs. Severn. We also cabled loyal greetings to H.R.H. The Prince of Wales, who was in Japan, and received a gracious acknowledgment. We sent a telegram of loyal wishes to H.R.H. Princess Mary on her wedding day.

It is pleasing to state that 75 new members joined the Society during the year, and the membership now amounts to 580. There must still, however, be many Englishmen in the Colony who are not members, and I hope our numbers will be very materially increased during the year.

It is with sincere regret I have to record the death of so many of our members since our last report was issued. The roll includes:—Mr. K. Brayshaw, Mr. R. W. Bristol, Mr. W. T. Eison, Mr. M. A. Hancock, Mr. E. H. Sharpe, Mr. W. O. D. Turner, Mr. T. O. Wilton, Mr. R. Walker, and we extend our sincere sympathy to their relations.

Turning back to the question of pecuniary assistance made during the past year, I am pleased to report that an arrangement has now been come to whereby all applicants for help will in future be passed on to a Central Secretary, who will investigate each case fully, and report to your committee. Other local charities and societies are using the same medium of investigation, and the scheme was discussed very fully some time ago with the Government at which meeting a representative from your Committee, Mr. Alvey, attended. We hope this will lead to more satisfactory results than have hitherto obtained in some cases. As your President last year pointed out, cases have always been very carefully enquired into by a Sub-Committee of your Committee, but, with the best intentions in the world, they have not

the same facilities at getting at the true root of all the circumstances, as will be possible under the present arrangement.

The main celebration of the year, St. George's Ball, held this year on the 5th January, was, I think you will agree, a very happy evening in every way, and our best thanks are due to our many friends who from year to year come forward unselfishly, and with such hearty good will and energy, to make the evening a success. Our hard working Hon. Secretary, Mr. Piercy, did a tremendous amount of work in a very efficient and unostentatious way, (applause) and I can personally testify to his unselfishness and readiness to help on all occasions. The various sub-committees are to be congratulated on the many excellent arrangements made for the comfort of our guests, and for the general enjoyment of the evening. Once again would I thank Mr. Nicholson for the charming roses which adorned our supper tables and which added so much to the beauty of the scene, and reminded us, as perhaps nothing else could, of an English garden.

I am sorry we were not able this year to have on our supper table the handsome golf challenge trophy which is competed for twice a year. Our friends from the North of the Tweed managed to wrest it from us last November. However, it was not long in their keeping, and thanks to one or two stalwarts we regained the trophy after a very exciting struggle last month. (applause). Whilst on the subject of the Ball I would like to point out that this year there were only 220 subscribers against 250 last year, and I hope there will be more support forthcoming in 1924.

Our President last year drew your attention to the Society's official organ, in the hope that members would subscribe to it. I am happy to say that on being circulated some 300 members of our society are now subscribers, and I hope the list will be increased during the current year.

We have to consider at this meeting the manner in which St. George's Day will be celebrated next April. It is entirely for you gentlemen to make suggestions, which, I am sure, will receive the consideration of your new Committee. Before finally proposing the adoption of the accounts, I should like to say how very much I have appreciated the great honour of being your President during the past year. The task has been an easy one by reason of the loyal support given to me on all occasions by members of your Committee, and especially by your Vice-President, Mr. Bird, and your Hon. Secretary and Hon. Treasurer, Mr. Piercy, and Mr. Exell respectively.

The Chairman then proposed the adoption of the report and accounts. The Hon. Mr. Pollock seconded, and the motion was carried unanimously.

LECTION OF OFFICERS.

Mr. D. G. M. Bernard was unanimously elected President on the proposal of the Chairman seconded by Mr. Wilton.

In thanking the members for the honour done him, Mr. Bernard promised to do his best to follow the footsteps of his predecessors, and uphold the traditions of the Society. He remarked that the election came quite as a surprise to him.

On the proposal of the Chairman, seconded by Mr. F. O. Hall, Mr. H. W. Bird was elected Vice President.

Other Officials elected were:—Hon. Secretary, Mr. G. H. Piercy; re-elected. Hon. Treasurer, Mr. Exell; Committee, Commander C. W. Beckwith, Messrs. H. Hancock, P. S. Cassidy, V. M. Grayburn, G. S. Archut, and J. W. Alabaster, (new members), and Messrs. R. Cook, H. B. L. Dowbiggin, W. A. Dowley, W. J. Eldridge, and R. J. Wilton, (old members).

NEXT YEAR'S CELEBRATION.

Discussing arrangements of celebrating St. George's Day next year, the Chairman suggested that they should hold the usual ball on the 4th January, the 6th being a Sunday. He further suggested that on the 23rd April they send the usual telegrams to kindred societies in the East, exchanging greetings. Also, that they make the usual donation to the Director of Education for a prize essay on some patriotic subject for the children of the schools.

There were no other proposals, and the Chairman's suggestions were adopted, any further arrangements being left to the committee in the usual way.

OTHER BUSINESS.

The Chairman said that there was one other point he desired to mention, and that was that the committee had deemed it advisable to open an account to be known as the "Property Account," in connection with the annual ball celebrations. It did not seem fair that the cost of certain articles purchased one year should be debited into the ball account of that

year, when the benefit was reaped by succeeding balls of the following two or three years. He personally thought it a very proper way to deal with the affair and the auditors concurred.

Before the proceedings concluded, the Chairman picked up a small brass image of "St. George," to be used as a motor bonnet ornament. He remarked that it was discovered by Mr. Wilton in the Hongkong Hotel, and he suggested that it would make an excellent badge for the motor car of the President of the St. George's Society. Accordingly he (the Chairman) made the purchase, and intended that all future Presidents should use it on their cars. "I am glad though," he added, "that they did not do this last year, for I have no motor car!" (Laughter).

KOWLOON MARATHON.

A CLOSE FINISH.

V.O. DILL WINS.

The second annual marathon race held under the auspices of the St. Andrew's Church Men's Society was successfully run at Kowloon yesterday evening. As was anticipated, Leading Seaman V. C. Bell of H.M. Submarine 15 won the race in the good time of 35 mins. 27 secs. for the distance of 6½ miles covered. He did not have things all his own way, however, and was hard pressed all the way by Pts. W. Carter of the King's Regt., who early in the race proved to be a dangerous rival for the winner. Bell finished by the narrow margin of 2 seconds in front of Carter.

The race started from St. Andrew's Church, and the course was along Nathan Road into Yau-mai and then through Humantai to Kowloon City, whence the runners returned by way of Hung Hom, the Cement Works to Chatham Road and then down Middle Road past Signal Hill to Nathan Road and back to the Church.

The entries which numbered 18 were drawn from the Navy, Army, Police and Civilian, and one Boy Scout, a 15-year old lad named Bobbie Patten who proved to be a very plucky runner. Another youthful competitor was a Portuguese lad named Carvalho. Bell led all the way but Carter kept him in sight until the corner of Middle Road when he challenged him and led for a little distance. Then Bell spurred and regaining his lead kept it to the end. Bell was so exhausted at the finish that he had to be assisted to the dressing room.

QUALITY FIRST.

HONGKONG POWER LAUNDRY.

Due to its up-to-date methods and organization the Steam Laundry, believed to be the largest concern of its kind East of Suez, is capable of turning out 20,000 pieces of linen per day. This will bear comparison with most laundries in Europe.

The advantage of having valuable linen handled by a reliable Company and washed under proper supervision by modern sanitary methods is perhaps more apparent when the prevalence of epidemics in Eastern climates is considered. The premises are quite detached from any other buildings and are situated clear of all native dwellings. An abundant water supply and filtering plant is run in connection with it and the works are equipped with the latest type of laundry machinery. The washing machines are the usual rotary type and centrifugal extractors are used for drying, in connection with hot-air drying—machinery of the latest design. All flat work is ironed by steam heated ironing machines which are considered to be the best type that can be used, with a view to economy of wear on all linen, especially table linen. The method of hand-ironing is by means of pressure gas heated irons which reduce the risk of scorch to a minimum. Only the purest soaps are used in the process of washing and the best quality imported starches and blues.

The dry-cleaning (benzene) department which is situated quite apart from the Laundry has a plant that is the most up-to-date in the Colony.

The factory is inspected periodically by the Medical Officer of Health and has to conform in every way to the Sanitary Regulations. Quality of work has at all times been the basis on which any change in the Steam Laundry has been considered. A widely varying service is now available to the people of Hongkong, but in each branch of the service quality is placed foremost.

London Traffic.

Last year the London General Omnibus Company, apart from its allied bus companies, carried 847,000,000 passengers, which constitutes a record. Included in this total are 26,500,000 children. The increase in passengers over the preceding year was 51,000,000.

The passengers carried on the London County Council tramways in 1922 totalled 726,000,000, made up as follows:—

Ordinary 618,500,000
Workmen 85,000,000
Children 22,500,000

These figures are an increase of 36,000,000 over the total for 1921—a result achieved by the provision of good services at low fares.

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THE WEST RIVER.

SOME MORE ESCAPADES.

Yet another story comes to hand of the adventures of a West River Steamer. To-day a China Mail reporter interviewed Capt. Morgan who successfully steered his ship the "Kwong Ying" to Wuchow after a somewhat exciting trip along the West River.

In one instance he mentioned how his ship came within range of rifle and machine gun fire. The "Kwong Ying," he said, "was sailing behind another river steamer, called the 'Tai Ming', which was carrying the British flag. Chinese troops stationed on the bank called on the 'Tai Ming' to stop. For five minutes she did stop but apparently the steamer, Capt. Williams, changed his mind and, evidently gave orders for full speed ahead, immediately the resumed her journey. The soldiers opened out with machine gun and rifle fire with the result that my own ship was endangered also. But luckily the 'Tai Ming' was escorted by the H.M.S. 'Moth', and the gunboat, replied with heavy machine gun fire. I could see these Chinese soldiers scamper as fast as they could up the hill."

He related another incident which happened while homeward bound, "when coming down the river" he said, "the 'Kwong Ying' was stopped and two Chinese Generals came on board and searched the ship to see if they could find contraband. They found nothing. But I must say these two Generals showed all military courtesy. They were in no way rough and hostile and left the ship quite orderly."

Capt. Morgan added the opinion that if every river steamer stopped to be searched there would be no firing whatever, and the steamers would be able to reach their destinations in a less hazardous way than they have been doing during the last month or so.

The holding up of steamers in the West River is having a deterrent effect on commerce, while the Northern Chinese are bawling the reduction in their rice supplies.

POULTRY SUPPLIES.

Owing to the difficulty river steamers have encountered on the Wuchow run, dealers are devising new means of transport to bring poultry to Hongkong. In spite of a number of vessels having to return owing to the dangers of the route, several hundred crates have arrived, but the supply is still below normal.

HONGKONG'S HEALTH.

The return of notifiable diseases for the week ended on the 24th consists of:—One Chinese case of plague (fatal), one Chinese case of small-pox (fatal), one British and three Chinese cases of diphtheria (two deaths), two Chinese cases of enteric fever and four Chinese cases of cerebro-spinal fever (three deaths). Two Chinese deaths from influenza, which is not notifiable, were also reported.

During the twenty four hours ended yesterday, there were reported one case of small-pox, two cases of diphtheria and one of cerebro-spinal fever, all Chinese.

John Manners & Co., Ltd., Agents, Hongkong, February 27, 1923.

TO SECRETARIES OF CLUBS AND OTHER INSTITUTIONS.

ALL preliminary notices of forthcoming meetings, lectures and entertainments, sent for insertion in the news columns of the China Mail, are charged for at the rate of \$1 each, (as announced in May and June of last year) providing that they do not occupy more than four lines. In future if this space is exceeded they will be placed in the advertising columns at the prevailing rates.

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The B. F. s.s. "Oasis" arrived at

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The B. F. s.s. "Calcutta" arrived at

Boston on Feb. 21.

The B. F. s.s. "Huron" for Boston and

New York left Nagasaki on Feb. 23 for

this port and is due here on Feb. 27

daylight.

The B. F. s.s. "Garbata" left Sing-

apore for this port on Feb. 20 at p.m.

and is due here on Feb. 27 at about a.m.

The N.Y.K. s.s. "Awa Maru" (Bom-

bay Line) left Singapore for Hongkong

on Feb. 21 and is expected here to-day.

The N.Y.K. s.s. "Fubini Maru" (Eu-

ropean Line) left Shanghai for Hong-

kong on Feb. 24 and is expected here to-

day.

The B. F. s.s. "Cassia" left Singa-

pore for this port on Feb. 20 at p.m.

and is due here on Feb. 28 at about

8 a.m.

The B. F. s.s. "Eastern" left Moji

for this port on Feb. 24 at p.m. and is

due here to-morrow at about a.m.

The B. F. s.s. "Prism" left Rotterdam

on Jan. 18 for Penang, Port Swettenham,

Singapore, Hongkong, Shanghai, Kobe

and Yokohama and is due here on or

about Mar. 2.

The B. F. s.s. "Eurythmics" from

Liverpool left Singapore on Feb. 24 for

this port and is due here on Mar. 2.

The B. F. s.s. "Dentonia" left Liver-

pool on Jan. 27 for Penang, Port Swet-

tenham, Singapore, Hongkong, Kobe

and Yokohama and is due here on or

about Mar. 10.

The E. A. s.s. "Indian" left Port

Said on Feb. 7 and is expected here on

Mar. 10.

The B. F. s.s. "Ixion" left Liverpool

on Feb. 3 for Penang, Port Swettenham

and Singapore. Hongkong, Shanghai

Kobe and Yokohama and is due here on

or about Mar. 12.

The B. F. s.s. "Pyrrhus" left Liver-

pool on Feb. 10 for Singapore, Hongkong

and Shanghai and is due here on or

about Mar. 15.

The O.P.S. s.s. "Empress of Asia" left

Vancouver for Hongkong via Japan

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The Dodwell Castle Line s.s. "Man-

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The B. F. s.s. "Ethelinda" left Liver-

pool on Feb. 10 for Singapore, Hong-

kong, Shanghai, Moji, Kobe and Yoko-

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19.

The E. A. s.s. "Chile" left Hamburg

on Feb. 14 and is expected here on

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The B. F. s.s. "Gallerophon" left New

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Moltke's "Recollections" recently published, differ in every way from the Kaiser's, the Crown Prince's, and Ludendorff's. A different type of man presents himself to the reader. The Kaiser, as revealed by his own pen shows the mentality of a self-important and heaving schoolmaster, whose style is as wearing as the platitudes he sets forth. The book of the Crown Prince is an unpleasant mixture of his own nature and the false sentimentality of his Viennese editor. Moltke was a man and a gentleman, a keen observer of men and things, able to give a good account of what he had seen and heard. The bulk of his book consists of letters to his wife—straightforward, affectionate letters, full of feeling of camaraderie and shared interests.

Colonel Helmuth von Moltke, the nephew of Field Marshal von Moltke, began his military career under the auspices of his uncle. A strong sense of duty made him a reliable if not brilliant officer. He was not a strategist, nor was he a strong man, but eminently an amiable and aristocratic personality of artistic tastes. He was far from blind to the happenings of his day. He was an earnest, religious man with a passionate desire for truth and the right belief. When one compares Moltke's faith with the Kaiser's belief in a Deity who would lead his armies to victory and shed grace on his anointed head, the fundamental difference between the two men's attitude towards life is obvious. Moltke was a friend of Rudolf Steiner, and both he and his wife were in touch with Theosophists and Christian Scientists. His attitude towards all these questions was not clearly defined and his views were somewhat vague, but the earnestness he put into his quest for the eternal values commands respect.

THE KAISER AND ENGLAND.

His Majesty mentioned that he had been discussing Germany's difficult political situation with the Imperial Chancellor, especially as regards England. He said that some day Germany must be prepared for an attack from that quarter, and that the war could not be localized in that case, but must lead to endless complications on the Continent. In consideration of the political situation the Emperor begged Moltke to accept the post of Chief of General Staff. Moltke replied:

"I am very sceptical as to my abilities, especially as it is extremely difficult, perhaps impossible, to visualize modern European warfare. We have had thirty years of peace, and I fear our methods may have followed those peaceful developments. Our adversary, too, has changed. In future it will not be an enemy inferior in strength as shall have to fight, but a nation under arms. It will be a war of nations which cannot be ended by a decisive battle, but will mean a drawn-out struggle with an opponent who will not admit defeat till he has reached the last stage of exhaustion; a struggle which will equally drain the resources of our own country even should we prove victorious."

Moltke took this opportunity to draw the Emperor's attention to the mischief done by his interference in the military manoeuvres. The Kaiser, obsessed by the vanity of putting himself at the head of the troops and commanding them himself jeopardized the object of the manoeuvres, which had then to be arranged in such a way that the Imperial generalissimo could on no account be defeated. This annoyed the officers and caused an enormous apparatus to be set moving without any definite good or preparing it for a vital effort. The Emperor seemed surprised at Moltke's plain speaking, and replied:

"I read the articles in order to show the generals how I wish things to be done."

Whereupon Moltke:

"Your Majesty can do that after the manoeuvres when the tactics are being discussed. For surely manoeuvres can only be of use if the same rules are applied which govern actual warfare without the theoretical discipline of

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The latest in garters was revealed by the strong nor-west wind at Randwick on Saturday says the Sydney Sun. They were worn just below the knee by hundreds of fashionably dressed flappers, and many were of a daring design that created much attention. The predominant colours were red, blue, and yellow, and they were trimmed with a varied collection of artificial fruit and flowers. "Jazz garters" were their description by one of the wearers. Her choice fell on cherries. Another flapper chose lavender bags, while other garters which were conspicuous while young women braved the wild winds on the lawns were trimmed with feathers, marigolds, and in fact every other decoration that is popular in millinery.

A mild sensation was created on Bondi beach when a young woman was seen to take up a prominent position on one of the seats of a promenade wearing a watch garter. The watch was of the type usually worn by women on wristbands. It was attached to the garter just below the knee, and although the sight did not attract such a concourse as did the capture of the shark, the daring young woman was evidently the most interesting person on the beach during the afternoon, judging by the crowd that gazed at her shapely limbs, which were covered with a costly pair of milanes stockings.

mimic battle or the interference of commanding generals.

It was this unwarranted interference of the Emperor in every department that made it so difficult to serve him. The Imperial dilettante could not be persuaded that there could be anything he could not do better than anybody else.

On August 29, 1914, Moltke exclaimed:

"I am glad I am on my own and not at Court. It sickens me to hear the talk of the Emperor's suite. It is heartbreaking to realise how unconscious the Emperor is of the gravity of the present situation. The usual 'Horrah' mood is upon us and absolutely disgusts me."

On January 12, 1915, Moltke informs the Emperor that General von Falkenhayn is a distinct danger to the country, and advises his recall. He also points out that Italy and Rumania are preparing to join the enemy.

A WARNING TO LUDENDORFF.

At the end of January, 1916, he writes to Ludendorff:

"If in two months we have not made peace with Russia I do not know what will become of us not from the military but from the economic point of view. Nothing serious is being done, months have elapsed, and the illusion has been kept up that we have foodstuffs in plenty. Now the sad truth is beginning to leak out. Yesterday I again wrote to the Emperor and Bethmann showing the terrible danger we are incurring. But who listens to someone no more in command?"

On March 20 he writes:

"What has become of the vaunted trust of the people in their rulers? The Government is subtly unconscious of the feeling that is growing against it. All it does is to strengthen the power of the censor as to muzzle the press and to give official reports that misrepresent the actual situation. A grievous lack of confidence in the people. Bethmann will have a difficult task in the Reichstag. It is a grave mistake not to have kept in touch with the country and its representatives. What will happen when the day of reckoning comes? What enormous sums will have to be paid for the devastations in the different war zones!"

In June, 1916, Count Moltke died suddenly of heart disease. His last months had been unutterably bitter. He was under the shadow of a great failure, and he was regarded as a weakling, an incompetent general. It is not my purpose to discuss tactics, but after reading his memoirs I got the impression that his failure was the result of insufficient information which prompted him to hurried action.

POET AS PURSER.

A JADED "JONAH"

VOYAGE WITHOUT ANY ADVENTURES.

The steamer "Bonaventure" (which is not her real name), trading between Cardiff and the River Plate, once carried a poet as purser. It was in the latter capacity that Mr. Edmund Blunden signed on at Barry Docks one January morning last year. He was an amateur at the job, but he modestly remarks, "the rank was given, but not the talents." Later he attained another, though unofficial, rank—that of Jonah; but he was evidently oppressed neither by his duties nor his reputation.

The former were certainly not arduous (he recalls proudly the day when he was promoted to a job of real work as tallyman). As a Jonah he seems to have been less efficient: for the ship came safely home with him, after a voyage which he describes in a fashion that makes unnecessary his apology for its lack of incident.

"I am sorry myself that there are no adventures of the blood-curdling sort in it, but I could not go out of my way, nor do stunts find time, it seems, for propitiating cannibals."

JUST MEAT!

Instead he gives us amusing accounts of the little things that make up life on ship board: of the way he propitiated the captain; of his introduction to the not too luxurious fare of an ocean tramp—tinned tripe and tinned meat that defied any closer description.

"There before me was a godless lump of briny red fat and stringy appendages floating more or less in a thick brown liquid which demanded the spectacles of optimism. A reinforcement of stony beans did not mend the matter. The meat, as it fell out, wore a portion of skin, remarkable for prickly excruciations, and hinting that I was about to batten on the scales of a young porcupine, or at least peculiar pork. Presently I asked Mescock what sort of fish this was. He answered: Oh, Lord I don't know—it's well, I don't think you can get beyond tinned meat."

But though meats "began to impress me as furnishing the incident of seafaring life," the captain, Hosea (which is not his real name) at least confessed to more intellectual interests. In his amateur purser he evidently recognised a kindred spirit. Indeed, the prophecy made by Mr. H. M. Tomlinson—who long ago sent the same voyage—in a letter to the purser-put before he sailed was soon justified.

A WORD OF WARNING.

"Don't forget (Mr. Tomlinson wrote) that a ship's master is a greater man than the colonel. You know colonels, don't you? (All right, all right!) Well, make no mistake about it: master mariners, as a rule, are different. It is long odds that your new master will know his job. If you are nice to him he may even confess to a taste for your poetry: ships' masters are like pie. I have found, to little lost children like ourselves who know nothing about ships, but are perfectly frightful towards those who know all about ships and know it all wrong."

And indeed, though Mr. Blunden and Captain Hosea talked much, "it was not about the sea"; and if the poet, when the captain tried to myth him on his own ground, was nearly as much at sea as he would have been had the conversation been kept to things nautical, it was his own fault. For the captain of a tramp ship Captain Hosea "had a curious miscellany of reading at his service," and doubtless he expected to wake enthusiastic response in his purser when he named Sir Edwin Arnold among his favourite poets. This must have been an awkward moment for Mr. Blunden.

A DIFFICULT MOMENT.

"Here I was obliged to watch my behaviour. As a person engaged in literature, I could not precisely admit the ignorance of The Light of Asia which I have always enjoyed; and I wished I had read it. The conversation should have run upon the merits of the hula hula, the typhoon, and the submarine barrage, by rights; not upon the history in blank verse of the founder of Buddhism. It was some relief to find Hosea turning to Tennyson, whose works he had upon his desk. Shakespeare, he said, had been advised by old captains to leave alone until he had turned forty."

And once at least in that voyage Mr. Blunden himself had reason to wish that he had left Shakespeare alone. Somehow he became involved in an argument which resolved itself into "that unanswerable question, 'Who was England's greatest man?' " "Some wretched ghost whispered Shakespeare, and Shakespeare, I named. There was derision, Shakespeare! Nelson was the man. I was obliged to stick to my choice. 'We're talking about fellows that did something for their country,' said Mescock, and I gave up."

ENGAGED AT 14!

SCHOOLBOY'S WEDDING ANNOUNCED.

John, Herrieth, an Eastbourne fish hawkler, believes in early marriages.

Summoned for not sending his son regularly to school, he told the Magistrates, "My boy is 14, and has reached the top standard. You can make an order to send him to school if you like, but I shan't send him. He is engaged to be married when he is 16," he added. The kid was 14 on January 21, and is supposed to stay at school until the end of the term. An order was now made to that effect.

Mr. Herrieth, seen at his home in Bourne Street, said it was quite correct that his son was walking out with a girl about his own age, and was to be married in two years' time. "And I have given my consent," he added. "And why not? He'll be a man then, won't he?"

"Then you believe in people getting married when they are young?" he was asked. "Certainly I do," said Mr. Herrieth. "I was married myself when just turned 16, and am now 52, and have been married three times." "And you don't regret having married so early?" "Not a bit of it!" he replied. "It keeps a man straight, and helps him on in life. My boy at school after he is 14? Why, I was a master man at that age, and had three or four ponies and carts! But hawking was hawking in those days, I can tell you."

AMERICAN ENTERPRISE.

BIG NEW CHINA TRADE ORGANISATION.

New York, January, 8.—Mr. William E. Carey, president of the China Society, at a dinner given here recently to Mr. Chow Tzu chi, former Premier of China, announced the organisation of a big commercial corporation, backed by the Du Pont, Brady, and Duke interests, to operate in China. The company has been chartered in Delaware with the name of the China Enterprises, Inc., under a constitution that will permit it to engage in practically every form of commercial activity. Two subsidiaries of the parent corporation—the Universal Textile Corporation, with a capital of \$9,000,000 dollars, and the Dragon Film Corporation, capitalised at \$5,000,000 dollars, have also been organised. As their names indicate, the former will enter into the silk and cotton business in China on a large scale, while the latter will distribute, and eventually produce, moving pictures through the medium of 2,000 motion picture theatres in Chinese towns, according to the promoters' plans. The capital of the parent concern has not been fixed.

The textile company will establish an industrial unit in Shanghai, where goods will be produced to sell mainly in China. Mr. William C. Mitchell, of Boston, a textile expert, is being sent to the Far East with a staff of experts to begin this work. Mr. Chow Tzu-chi is president of this subsidiary. In addition to the two subsidiary corporations already formed the organisation of companies to make glass, pottery, and motor-cars is in contemplation it is said. All manufacturing is to be done in China with Chinese labour under American supervision.

JONAH ALL THE TIME.

And indeed this was the final stroke to the reputation of one whose qualities were already clouded by the fact that he was undoubtedly the Jonah of the voyage. It was evidently the Bonaventure's stock joke.

"Whatever it (the weather) might be, I was Jonah; fine, Jonah bringing a head wind; wet, Jonah bringing the wet; the ship rolling, it was Jonah's additional weight on the port side that was doing it; and so on. The suggestion arose that the villain should be offered to the first whale sighted; but 'We should have more respect for the whale,' said Phillips. Nor could I be sure that I was not blamed for all the Eger marks on the new paint. Mescock had been the eyewitness of one crime of mine of the sort. 'If you touch that new enamel, your name's mud'—and then the 'Bonaventure' obliged with a lurch sideways which left the impression of my hand in a most prominent place."

And yet Mr. Blunden survived. Not only his reputation and the name, but his mind, and the lime juice, but the 'perils of South American ports, and came safely home to make his log into one of the most interesting books of the kind since Stevenson crossed the Atlantic as an amateur emigrant.

MAIL WEEK NEWS.

The mother of Mustapha Kemal, the victorious Turkish general, has died at Smyrna after an operation.

Swedish State railways are reported to have ordered 70,000 tons of British coal, mainly from Cumberland and Durham.

Queen Alexandra has appointed Major Edward Seymour, D.S.O., to be her equerry in place of the late Sir Arthur Davidson.

An envelope addressed to the secretary and left at the Nottingham General Hospital contained an anonymous gift of £100 in £5 notes.

After their teachers had been on strike for two months the Gateshead Council agreed to pay their teachers according to a scale laid down in the Burnham award.

"Despite the fact that 30 inches of rain fell in Buxted, Sussex, during 1922, the village is without water, except for a few wells which are less than 20 feet deep."

A wreath from the American Order of the World War, an organisation of ex-officers, was laid on the Cenotaph by Major General H. Harries, the Commander-in-Chief of the Order.

Owing to the shortage of accommodation, a curate at Eves, Shropshire, is to be allowed to have a room in the master's quarters at the local workhouse at a charge of £80 a year.

A 16 months-old boy named Fry, of Mitcham, climbed on to a chair and took a bottle of disinfectant from which he drank. The child died shortly afterwards in Croydon Hospital.

Only 13 out of 40 scholars presented themselves at the school at Great Hatfield, Herts, after the holidays, the remainder being on strike because 10 days had been given.

Southend Council has engaged an orchestra to play on the pier on Sunday mornings during the summer. Last year the performances were stopped owing to religious and other opposition.

The Turks are demanding £10,000 as an indemnity for a gendarme accidentally killed at Chanak at Christmas. Otherwise they will refuse to give up two British airmen who fell into their lines.

A new carnation—a scarlet pink bizzar—shown at a flower show at the Royal Horticultural Hall, Vincent-square, S. W., by Messrs. Stuart Low, is to be named after Lady Elizabeth Bowes-Lyon, the Duke of York's fiancée.

Cheaper return tickets to Southend are announced by the Underground Railway. The fare from the Monument Station will be 3s. 3d., instead of 4s., and from the Marble Arch 3s. 7d., or 8d. less. Weekend tickets have also been reduced.

The Home Secretary has refused to reprieve Lee Lion, 27, a Chinaman, who was sentenced to death for the murder of his employer, a Chinese laundry proprietor, whose body, trussed like a fowl, was found in a trunk in a cellar at Sheffield.

General Harington, the British representative at Constantinople, is satisfied that the attack by Turks at Constantinople on two Guardsmen and the arrest on a trumped-up charge, of the wife of a British ex-officer were not in any way instigated by the Turkish authorities.

Benjamin Woodhouse, 22, a goalkeeper of the West Bromwich Albion Football Club, was fined £10, with 12s. 6d. special costs, at Old Hill, Staffordshire for obtaining unemployment pay by means of a false declaration. Woodhouse had repaid the money obtained to the authorities.

Ex-Chief Inspector Henry Collins, of the Criminal Investigation Department, New Scotland Yard, who died at Bath earned distinction in unravelling the mystery of the murder of Mr. and Mrs. Darby and their child at Gamberwell, S.E., in 1903, and their burial in a garden at Leyton.

At a City inquest on Edith Harris, 28, who died in hospital while under an anaesthetic, a verdict of Death from Misadventure was returned, and the jury urged the need for further measures to carry out the recommendations of a Home Office committee on the administration of anaesthetics.

The Bengal Retrenchment Committee has put forward a number of recommendations which, if adopted would result in an economy of £1,235,000. The Committee suggests that only non-Europeans might in future be recruited for the judicial service, while equally rapid Indianisation could be made in other services.

DAIRY FARM NEWS.

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CHINESE TREASURY BILLS.

BRITISH CREDITORS ANXIOUS.

London, February 26.

In the House of Commons in reply to questions Mr. McNeil was unable to say how soon the Chinese Government would be able to resume payment of the arrears of interest on her eight per cent. treasury bills. The British Minister would continue to do all possible to induce China to meet her obligations.

DAVIS CUP TENNIS.

New York, February 26.

Canada and Hawaii have issued a challenge for the Davis Cup.

"THE MAN OF GOD."

EK-TSARINA'S MEMOIRS OF RASPUTIN.

The second volume of the letters of the Empress of Russia has just been issued. Its political interest greatly surpasses that of the first volume. It is a picture of one of the most sombre epochs of Russian history.

There is the same accent of passionate love for her husband, but whereas politics rarely entered in the first series of letters, every letter now contains a request or a suggestion of a political character. The Tsarina has become the counsellor of her husband in matters of government. Not a day passes but she tells him what he should or should not do, or tells him in detail what she has done herself, often without consulting him. The possibility that she might commit an error hardly occurs to her; to hesitate on the path she indicates would be a fatal error. It all does not go as she desires; it is not from any opposition of the Tsar to her will but from his own deficient will-power, as he himself recognises.

In her eyes Nicholas II, had an exceedingly simple task: to obey blindly. She considered herself as the humble executrix of the Heavenly will, as revealed by the "man of God," Grigori Rasputin. She writes: "My soul, you will do well to follow the advice of Our Friend. He prayed so long for you through this night that he controlled your footsteps. Only be as convinced as I am, and all will be well." The mere presence of Rasputin is already a benediction and if anyone begins to attack him "everything is going badly."

ENMITY OF TSAR'S FAMILY.
The principal condition for nomination to high offices of State is devotion to Rasputin; he cannot work with anyone who is lacking in that. The next is to love her herself and to be ready to follow her advice in everything. This, in her eyes, is the principal merit of Goremynkin and Sturmer. To fail to accomplish the desires of Rasputin is to be exposed to her wrath.

The Empress knew that she was detected, and referred to the fact in her letters. The Tsar's family were her enemies, and the nobles, and members of Ministers and Senators, even of the Right wing, and the Duma and various, civil administrative bodies. She was not unaware that influential persons were talking of the necessity for her divorce from the Tsar, after which she would be shut up in a nunnery. At bottom this atmosphere of enmity which she felt around her disturbed her little; she was convinced that she had the love of the army and of the people. But to support her in this conviction she had necessarily restricted personal observation and some telegrams from the "Alliance of the Russian People" (the Black Hundreds).

For the rest her main preoccupation was to assure the triumph of Rasputin, without which "it would all be over." With him she was assured of triumph over all enemies, at home and abroad whatever trials fate might have in store. Her only anxiety was lest the Grand Duke Nicholas, the Duma, or some other body should steal the laurels of the Tsar and Rasputin, and she worked to destroy the independence and influence of all but the creatures of the monk. Against his enemies or hers she never ceased to demand strong measures: hanging or exile to Siberia, banishment from the Court, or dismissal from their posts. Her demands were usually in vain. Ministerial changes were frequent enough, but Rasputin remained. That they were not the work of the Empress. Her creatures, even the most devoted, remained but a very short time in power, when it became necessary, even at the request of Rasputin, to dismiss them. This was the fate of Goremynkin and Sturmer.

HER LAST LETTER.
The monk finally determined on the choice of Rasputin for the accomplishment of his design. The Tsarina approved altogether; it was a specially subtle choice, for he belonged

ODDS AND ENDS.

MAINLY SOISSOR LOOTS.

Tarred and Feathered.

A Bulawayo crowd of women surrounded the house of a railwayman named Jones, and dragged him out despite the cries of his children. The women put him into a cab and drove him to the market square, where they stripped him of all his clothes except his boots, and tarred and feathered him. The unfortunate man took refuge in a police station. A few days before Mrs. Jones was complainant in an assault case against her native servant, who was sentenced to a month's imprisonment. Mr. Jones attempted to undertake the defence of the native, stating that he felt morally bound to do so as he believed the native's word in connection with the assault. Women neighbours were enraged at this conduct, and plotted the terrible revenge described.

Education and Genius.

Mr. H. A. L. Fisher, M.P., in his sixth article in "The Teachers' World" deals with "Education and Genius." "The discovery and encouragement of genius," he writes, "is a function essential to a well-constituted social order. A teacher who ignores genius, a school which suppresses and bullies genius, a university which can provide no occasion for genius to develop its discovering powers in freedom and tranquillity, a State which refuses to reward genius, fail, each in its special degree, to perform an important duty to the human race. Are we satisfied that the spirit of our educational system is favourable to genius, that popular thought about education understands the supreme importance of taking risks to promote it, and that teachers all along the line are sufficiently respectful to its every manifestations? I confess that I have some uneasy apprehensions that the great mechanical effort of helping millions of clumsy minds over a succession of low educational stiles may be absorbing too much of the educational energy of the country."

The question of women detectives is under consideration at Scotland Yard. It is recognised that the practice of sending the wives of police officials to collect evidence in certain cases is unsatisfactory, as zeal is discounted by lack of knowledge of criminal procedure. It is proposed to make a start with a small group of trained women, who shall work in concert with male detectives, making inquiries that are more likely to prove fruitful when a woman is engaged. If successful, a small corps will be founded, under the control of the C.I.D. chiefs. No applications from outside will be invited, but the ranks of the women "tees" will be filled by women who have already done some confidential work for the Yard. It is not proposed to extend the number of police-women in London, as it is felt that women in uniform do not gain the sympathy of those they are detailed to protect. A novelty will be a number of "fashionable detectives" of the gentler sex who will be available for big society functions.

to the Duma which she so hated. She hoped the choice would appease every malcontent. Not a letter passes but she writes of her hopes in him. But from the beginning of his Ministry he was struck with paralysis. Another Minister, Troppoff, referred to this but at his first words she fired up at the "calumny," and refused to hear more. She writes: "At bottom Troppoff does not matter, what matters is the monarchy itself and your prestige." Suddenly, on December 17, the news came which crushed her. Rasputin had disappeared without leaving a trace. "I cannot and will not believe that they have killed him. God will have pity on us. It would be an unbearable grief. I am quite calm. I cannot believe a thing like this." It is the last letter she wrote.

PEAK TRAMS.

USUAL SERVICE TO-MORROW.

Peak residents will be glad to read in this issue an announcement concerning the Peak Tram service which should be doubly welcome in view of the Race traffic. "It is to the effect that provided the trials to-night are satisfactory, it is hoped to resume the usual service to-morrow morning. Arrangements have been made with the Hongkong Daily Press to notify the public when cars start running."

LATEST SHIPPING NEWS.

ARRIVALS.

Peris, (Dodwell & Co.) from Shanghai—A27.
Africa, (J. Manners) from Copenhagen, Singapore—Kowloon Wharf.
Anjo, (Wing Tai) from Kowloon.
Cao's Wharf.
Altai Maru, (O.S.K.) from Raka, Moji—Kowloon Wharf.
Kashima Maru, (N.Y.K.) from Yokohama, Shanghai—K. Wharf.
King Sing, (J. M. & Co.) from Canton—Kowloon Dock.
Loong Sang, (J. M. & Co.) from Manila—C32.
Kaichow, (Que Woo.) from Canton—C39.
Fushimi Maru, (N.Y.K.) from London, Singapore—Kowloon Wharf.
Nishin Maru, (Y. K. K.) from Karatsu—Wanchai.
Haimun, (Po Shun.) from Haiphong, Hoihow—C44.
Tjikarang, (J. C. J. L.) from Balikpapan—A3.
Kojun Maru, (M. B. K.) from Dairen, Tsingtao—B53.
Lee Sang, (J. M. & Co.) from Haiphong, Hoihow—C35.

DEPARTURES.

Nairung, (Nemess) for Swatow—February 26.
Haidis, (Wo Fat Sing) for Bangkok—February 27.
Rootee, (Lee Beng Keel) for Bangkok—February 27.
Anjo, (Wing Tai) for Kowloon—February 27.
Taizuma, (Yan Fat) for Kwong Chow Wan—February 27.
Chung Hing, (Hong On) for Kwong Chow Wan—February 27.
Fushimi Maru, (N.Y.K.) for Yokohama, Shanghai—February 27.
Kashima Maru, (N.Y.K.) for London, Singapore—February 27.
Helios, (Kung Chung) for Saigon—February 27.
Altai Maru, (O.S.K.) for Calcutta, Singapore—February 27.
Kneichow, (B. & S.) for Tientsin, Weihaiwei—February 27.
Africa Maru, (O.S.K.) for Tacoma, Shanghai—February 28.

"HERE GOES!"

SUICIDE BEFORE BRIDE.

Calling out, "Here goes! This is the end of everything!" Charles Samuel Buckmaster drank something from a bottle and fell dead in front of his wife a fortnight after their wedding. In falling he cut his head open on a wooden box.

Buckmaster was an oil and colour dealer aged about 60. He lived in Neasden-lane, Willesden, but had business premises in Seymour-place, Edgware-road, where he died.

He lost his first wife about a year ago, after they had been married 20 years (says the London Daily Chronicle).

"When his father died," said a neighbour, "Mr. Buckmaster was left more than £12,000, half a dozen shops, and a good deal of house property."

"Now there is only the one little shop left, and it is common knowledge that Mr. Buckmaster had a hard struggle to make both ends meet."

"He was most generous. If he had only a shilling in the world he would give sixpence to a friend who asked for it."

The Cunard Company announces that Mr. A. D. Mearns has retired from the position of general manager, but retains his seat on the board.

The Peak Hotel Store will be opened on Monday (March 5) when provisions as supplied by Messrs. Dairy Farm, Lane, Crawford's and Wiseman's may be obtained. For particulars as to business hours etc., see advertisement.

Obenau Kau and Chan Obenau who were yesterday morning charged in the Chief Justice's Court at the Criminal Sessions with armed robbery in a nunnery on Lantau Island, were unanimously found guilty by the Jury in the afternoon. His Lordship passed sentence of 7 years' hard labour and 15 strokes of the "cat," each, remarking that he regarded it as a serious crime to attack defenceless women.

NOTICE TO SHIPPERS AND PASSENGERS.

SELECTED DEPARTURES.

CHINA COAST, ETC.

SWATOW.
Feb. 28.—L.O.S.N. Hopponing.
Mar. 1.—O.S.K. Sailing.
2.—D.L. Hailong.
3.—O.S.N. Vongang.
4.—O.S.N. Tungshing.
5.—O.S.N. Loohow.
6.—O.S.N. Chatsang.
11.—E.A. Banks.
12.—O.S.K. Sochu Maru.

AMOY.
Mar. 1.—O.M. Gortistam.
2.—D.L. Hatching.
13.—O.S.K. Sochu Maru.

FOOCHOW.
Feb. 27.—D.L. Hailong.
Mar. 2.—D.L. Hailong.

TAKAU.
Mar. 13.—O.S.K. Sochu Maru.

SHANGHAI.
Feb. 28.—B.L. Garbeta.
28.—L.O.S.N. Hopponing.
Mar. 1.—O.S.N. Vongang.
2.—L.O.S.N. Tungshing.
3.—O.S.N. Shantung.
4.—O.S.N. Loohow.
5.—T.K.K. Tanyo Maru.
6.—P.M. Pres. Lincoln.
7.—J.O.J.L. Shianook.
8.—O.S.K. Sochu Maru.
9.—O.S.K. Sochu Maru.
10.—J.O.J.L. Tjibodas.
11.—P. & O. Nankin.
12.—A.O.L. Pres. Grant.
13.—O.S.N. Sailing.
14.—P.M. Pres. Taft.
15.—E.L. City of Poon.
16.—O.M. Nankin.
17.—B.F. Pyrrhus.
18.—N.Y.K. Shidzuka Maru.
19.—O.S.K. Sochu Maru.
20.—O.S.K. Sochu Maru.
21.—O.S.K. Sochu Maru.
22.—A.O.L. Pres. Madison.
23.—P.M. Pres. Cleveland.
24.—A.O.L. Pres. McKinley.
25.—O.S.K. Sochu Maru.
26.—T.K.K. Sailing.
27.—O.S.K. Sochu Maru.
28.—O.S.K. Sochu Maru.
29.—O.S.K. Sochu Maru.
30.—O.S.K. Sochu Maru.

TIENSIN.
Feb. 28.—O.N. Hainan.
29.—O.N. Kueichow.
Mar. 1.—O.S.N. Kueichow.
2.—O.S.N. Chongshing.
3.—O.N. Shantung.

PUKOW.
Mar. 4.—O.N. Loohow.

SINGTAO.
Mar. 3.—O.N. Shantung.

WEIHAIWEI.
Feb. 28.—O.N. Kueichow.
Mar. 1.—O.N. Shantung.

KEELUNG.
Mar. 4.—T.K.K. Peris Maru.
5.—O.S.K. Kaly Maru.
Apr. 23.—T.K.K. Kaly Maru.

HOIHOW.
Mar. 1.—O.S.N. Loohow.
2.—O.N. Yunnan.
14.—O.S.N. Chongshing.

HAIPHONG.
Mar. 1.—O.S.N. Loohow.
5.—O.N. Nanchang.

PAKHOU AND HAIPHONG.
Mar. 4.—O.N. Yunnan.

BANGKOK.
Mar. 6.—O.S.K. Busho Maru.
7.—O.S.N. Chatsang.
11.—E.A. Banks.
24.—O.S.N. Chongshing.

BAIGON.
Mar. 6.—O.S.K. Busho Maru.

SINGAPORE.
Feb. 28.—N.Y.K. Kashima Maru.
Mar. 1.—P. & O. Sailing.
2.—B.L. Terilla.
3.—P.M. Lake Gitan.
4.—O.S.K. Elbridge.
5.—B.F. Helous.
6.—P. & O. Busho Maru.
7.—P. & O. Busho Maru.
8.—O.S.K. Honolulu Maru.
9.—B.F. Titian.
10.—N.Y.K. Sailing.
11.—O.S.K. London Maru.
12.—N.Y.K. Tenshin Maru.
13.—P. & O. Pres. Grant.
14.—P. & O. Reberon.
15.—P. & O. Loohow.
16.—N.Y.K. Hakone Maru.
17.—B.F. Antiochus.
18.—B.F. Afrika.
19.—P. & O. Kueichow.
20.—P. & O. Sailing.
21.—P. & O. City of Simla.
22.—P. & O. West Prospect.
23.—P. & O. Antiochus.
24.—P. & O. Pyrrhus.
25.—P. & O. Sailing.
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30.—P. & O. Sailing.

HONOLULU.
Mar. 2.—P.M. Pres. Lincoln.
3.—P.M. Pres. Taft.
4.—O.S.K. Kueichow.
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VANCOUVER, ETC.
Feb. 28.—O.S.K. Africa Maru.
Mar. 1.—N.Y.K. Iyo Maru.
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NO LONGER "MARGOT."
Margot does not want to be known any more as Margot, but as Mrs. Asquith, John of London Weekly informs us, and she has signified the same in a very courteous way to some of the papers which had insisted on "Margot" her. One wonders if this means she is not to write any more for the time being, and that she is just going to be the glit and socially active wife of one of our leading statesmen. There is hardly an author writing to-day who does not like to be addressed in a particular way.

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Miss Corina S. Higginson, daughter of a millionaire family, engaged to Bernard F. Rogers, insurance broker. They first met during a Liberty loan drive. Mr. Rogers was a member of the party aboard the 98-foot yacht "Sporjacks," owned by Mr. Albert Gowen, of Chicago, which recently toured the world. When the yacht touched Sydney Mr. Rogers was homesick until he chanced upon Miss Higginson, in the streets—and now they are to marry.



Shown with a silver service presented to him by the Plate Printer's Union in appreciation of his services in opposing the item in the Treasury Department's appropriation bill substituting power presses for hand presses in the Bureau of Engraving and Printing in Washington.



With machine guns guarding the court house, Louisiana has begun its open investigation of the alleged murder of two men by members of the Ku Klux Klan. Governor John M. Parker, Attorney General A. V. Cogo, Assistant Attorney General T. Semmes Walmsley and Special Prosecutor St. Clair Adams are conducting the investigation. Dr. B. M. McKold, former Mayor of Mer Rouge town is accused of complicity in the murders. He was arrested in Baltimore, but was freed upon his promise to return to Mer Rouge to await the result of the investigation. The photograph of the disguised klansmen was taken at Homestead, Florida, within three miles of the southernmost point in the United States.



Frank B. Carman.

While attending a New Year's celebration in Frank Barrett Carman's house, Mrs. C. P. Hugo Schoellkopf, wife of a multi-millionaire, was lured to another apartment, drugged and robbed of \$500,000 worth of jewels. Carman was arrested, charged with being an accessory to the crime.



Wife of the millionaire chemical manufacturer, robbed in a daring hold-up while attending a New Year's Eve party in New York City. She lost \$500,000 worth of jewellery.



Oris P. and Mantie J. Van Sweringen.

The consolidation of five large railroad systems into one of the largest systems east of the Mississippi River has brought into the public eye the two brothers heading the combine—Oris P. and Mantie J. Van Sweringen, two hitherto practically unknown financiers. They began life selling newspapers.



Mrs. Ruth Fowler.

Nursed President Harding's wife back into health.



Frank B. Carman and Mrs. C. P. Hugo Schoellkopf.

Wife of a millionaire chemical manufacturer. She attended a New Year's Eve party in the New York City apartments of Frank Barrett Carman. On her way downstairs she was dragged into another apartment, drugged and robbed of \$500,000 worth of jewels. The police arrested Carman as an accessory to the robbery. Mrs. Schoellkopf refused to appear in court against him, asserting her belief in his innocence.

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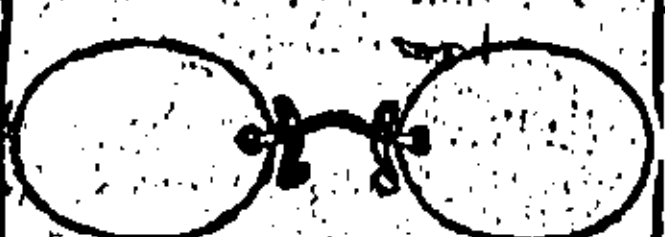
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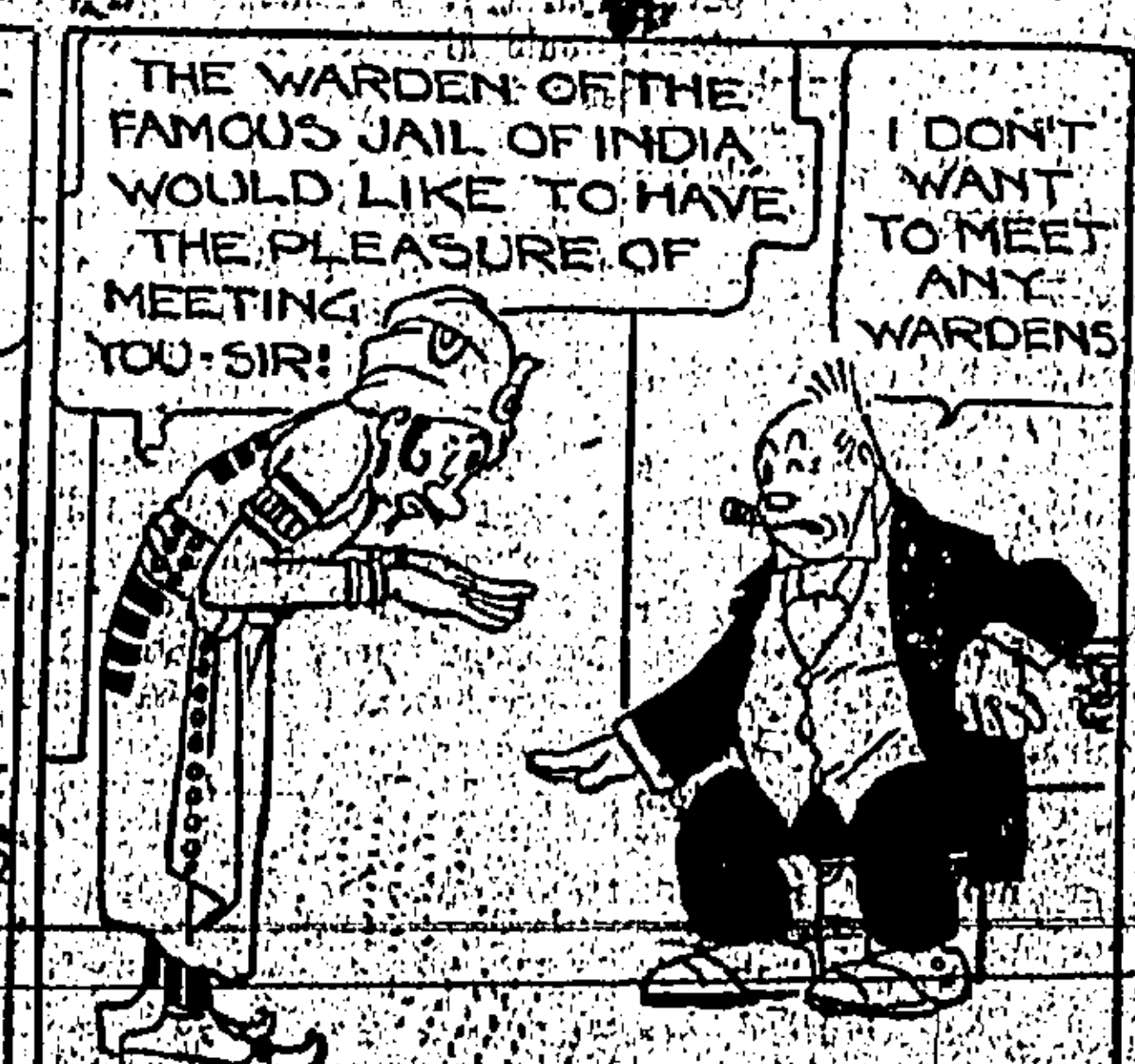


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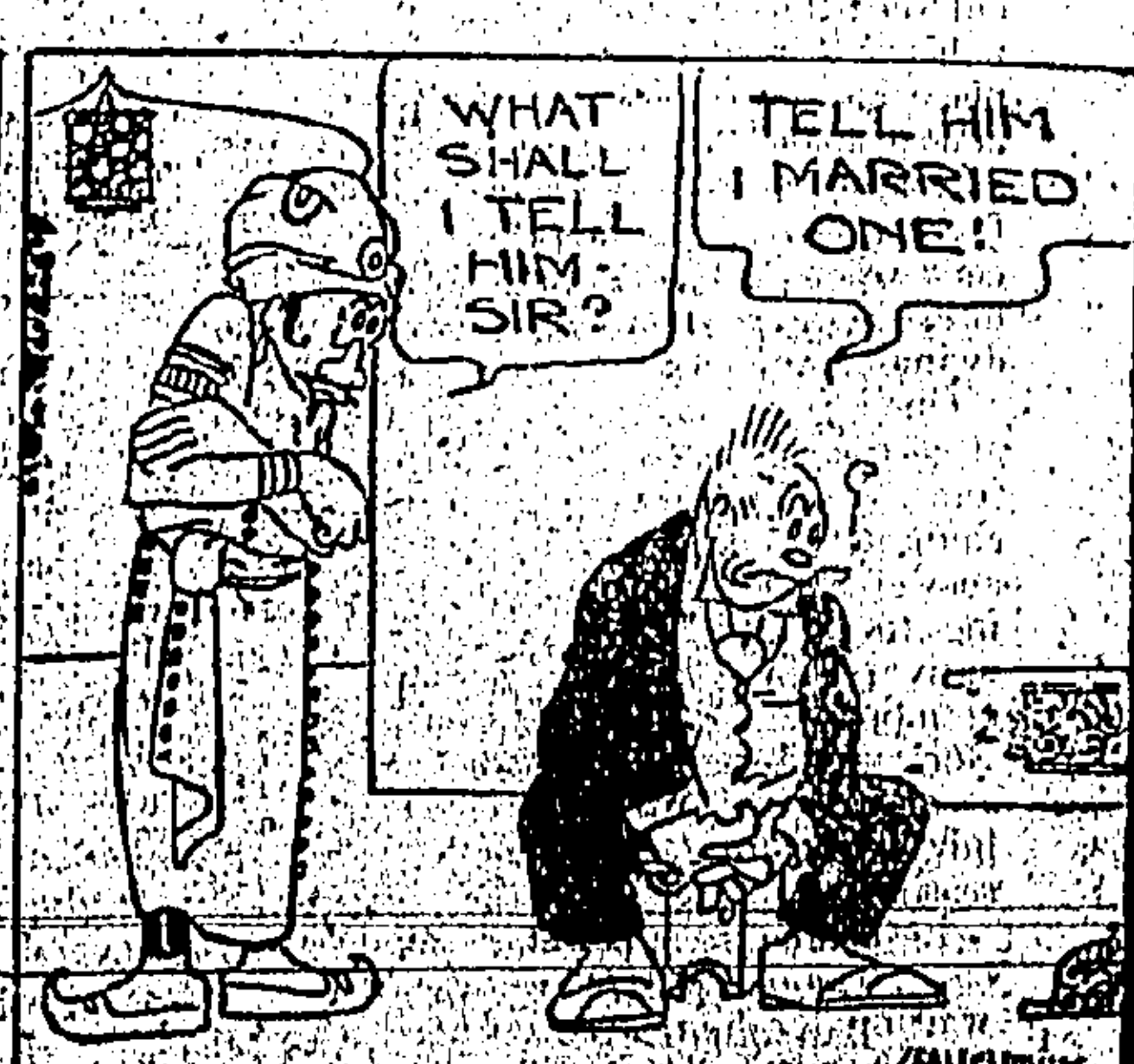
I MIGHT AS WELL BE HOME AS IN INDIA. I NEVER KIN GIT OUT TO SEE ANYTHING.



THE WARDEN OF THE FAMOUS JAIL OF INDIA WOULD LIKE TO HAVE THE PLEASURE OF MEETING YOU, SIR!



I DON'T WANT TO MEET ANY WARDENS.



WHAT SHALL I TELL HIM, SIR?

TELL HIM I MARRIED ONE!

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